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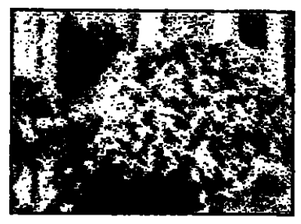
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Fires said under control

By DAVID RUDGE

Fires that have ravaged huge tracts of the Mt. Carmel range and caused damage running into millions of dollars appeared to be finally under control last night – after four days of intense effort.

Nevertheless, Fire and Rescue Service officials were cautious, noting that the high winds that turned what would normally have been small brush blazes into raging fire storms had not yet abated completely.

The infernoes of Monday appeared to have been extinguished by early yesterday, but suddenly the fires broke out anew later in the morning and the havoc and devastation continued.

Jewish National Fund wardens and Nature Reserve and National Parks Authority rangers assisted in the fire-fighting efforts to save properties, but their thoughts were also directed to the damage wreaked to the environment.

One official described the fires as an ecological disaster that would take decades to repair. At least 10,000 dunams (2,500 acres) of forest, natural brush, and woodland have been destroyed in the Carmel fires, and an as yet unknown number of wild animals killed.

The guest house of Moshav Nir Etzion was gutted yesterday despite valiant efforts by firemen, airmen, and residents to stem the blaze.

The home of the Friedman family, whose son Magen was killed by a Hizbullah roadside bomb in south Lebanon at the beginning of Succot, was one of those damaged.

The family had refused to leave their home on Monday, but had little alternative yesterday as the flames literally engulfed the outskirts of the community.

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Police prepare to remove the body of Itamar Doron from beside the spring near Moshav Ora yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

1 dead in Jerusalem terror shooting

By AMY KLEIN

Terrorists shot and killed Itamar Doron, 24, and seriously wounded Ilan Mazon, 25, yesterday afternoon in what police believe was a premeditated attack at a spring near Moshav Ora, just outside Jerusalem.

Doron, a resident of Ora, and Mazon, a resident of the neighboring Moshav Aminadav, were bathing in the small spring, which served them as a *mikve* (ritual bath), when the Arab attackers shot them, Mazon told police. The spring is in a wadi that separates Ora and Aminadav from the Arab villages of Batir and Walaja.

The terrorists fled in Doron's station wagon, abandoning it in Walaja. The IDF sealed the village and is searching for the suspects, who they believe fled into a Palestinian Authority-controlled area.

"This was planned, in this place, during this time, in order to hurt these people," Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki said.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said that there would be no deal in the US summit, starting tomorrow, if the Palestinians do not begin fulfilling their security commitments.

Police Insp.-Gen. Yehuda Wilk suggested that we can expect attacks of this sort – stabbings, shootings – because security forces have prevented more serious attacks.



Itamar Doron (Flash 90)

"Jerusalem is not hermetically sealed, and police cannot be present at every location, every hour. Fortunately, we have succeeded in preventing many terrorist attacks," he said.

President Ezer Weizman told a conference for Holocaust survivors in Tel Aviv he hopes the assailants will be captured, "although this is one of those things that is very difficult to prevent. I hope the Palestinian Authority will do something, as it promised."

A passerby discovered the two wounded men at about 12:30 p.m., followed by a second man, Binyamin Penjel, 52, who said he had heard the gunshots. Penjel saw a badly bleeding Mazon and the other man trying to drag Doron from the spring.

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Netanyahu after terror attack:

No chance for deal right now

By DANNA HARMAN and news agencies

There will be no deal if the Palestinians do not begin fulfilling their security commitments, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said following yesterday's attack near Moshav Ora.

In a statement released by his office, Netanyahu said that if the attackers fled into Palestinian Authority-controlled territory – as intelligence reports indicated – he would demand that PA Chairman Yasser Arafat act immediately to apprehend them.

"Without such a fulfillment of security demands, there will be no agreement, and in light of this gloomy reality, there is absolutely no chance, at this stage, of signing an agreement," he said.

US State Department spokesman James Rubin declined to comment directly on the statement, but said reaching a deal at the summit, which starts tomorrow, is not "a sure thing."

Netanyahu and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright spoke by telephone yesterday.

"One of the areas where we want to broaden the understandings and broaden the agreement is on security," Rubin said. "We made substantial and significant progress on it during the secretary's trip and in subsequent days. But we need to broaden the understandings and expand the areas of agreement in that area as well as many other areas.

"Clearly there are a large number of hurdles that have to be overcome if we are going to get any agreement," he said.

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Shekel up 1.69% vs. dollar

Histadrut meets to discuss depreciation effects

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The shekel continued its recovery against the dollar yesterday, gaining another 1.69 percent against the US currency in what dealers described as mixed and balanced trading.

The representative rate for the dollar was fixed at NIS 4.188 and traders said the market is expected to stabilize soon at the current level.

"I believe the shekel will continue to trade at a range of NIS 4.1 to NIS 4.25 per dollar in the next several days," said a dealer at Bank Leumi. "The market was less volatile today and liquidity was much higher."

The shekel has gained almost 3% during the last two trading days, after falling some 10% since the beginning of the month.

Dealers said that trading opened with a supply of foreign currency from the banks, which pushed up the shekel. They added that when the dollar reached NIS 4.1, the business sector started buying foreign currency. Unlike the one-sided trading witnessed during Succot's shortened trading sessions, traders said yesterday's volume was high and the market was more balanced.

The shekel appreciated 1.95% against the currency basket, which was fixed at NIS 4.609. The shekel has also recovered against all other major currencies, with a rise of 2.39% against the mark and 3.1% against the yen.

The rise of the shekel was accompanied by sharp gains on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. The Tel Aviv 100 index rose 4.13% to 259.48, while the Maof 25 index surged 4.65% to 262.96.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut leadership met to discuss the possible affects of the recent depreciation on wage agreements.

Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz said that the previous wage agreements were based on inflation expectations of only 3%-4% a year. According to Peretz, the recent depreciation of the shekel might lead to annual inflation of 7%-8%, and the Histadrut is demanding immediate negotiations to discuss compensating wage earners.

Peretz said that public sector workers' demand for a 8% wage increase in 1998 is justified. He added that the government would also be asked to provide special compensation for the elderly, new immigrants, and young couples who pay dollar-linked rent and mortgages.

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PM: Stocks undervalued

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

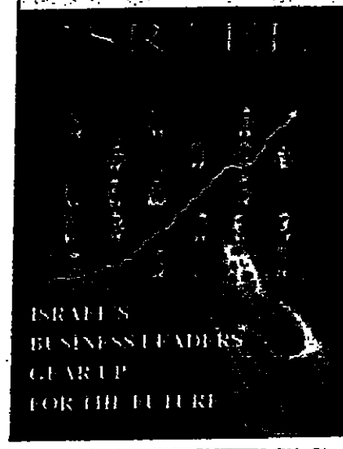
The economy, especially the stock market and real estate, is undervalued and far from reaching its full potential, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said last night.

The economy has "only partly percolated to the world's markets," he said, speaking at the opening ceremony of the Prime Minister's Jubilee Business Summit. He noted that the current per capita gross domestic product (GDP) of some $17,000 can easily be doubled in the near future.

Painting a glowing picture of the economy's present and future, Netanyahu argued that "the vision is not a dream; it is achievable. I don't think any other country has this potential."

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NEWS

in brief

Egyptian court rejects case against group

CAIRO (AP) – A court yesterday dismissed a case by a lawyer seeking to shut down the first Egyptian peace group that aims at improving ties with Israelis, police said.

The court said that Mamdouh Nakhla, the lawyer who filed the case, had no direct interest in the issue and that his petition to the court was therefore invalid, police said, speaking on customary condition of anonymity. Nakhla had argued that Egyptian law does not allow groups set up as associations to promote political issues.

The Cairo Peace Movement, which was launched by a group of Egyptian intellectuals in April, works to promote peace with Israel.

Sharon appointment official

Ariel Sharon is now officially foreign minister. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday advised the cabinet of the appointment, and the ministers extended their best wishes to Sharon. According to the new election law, there is no need to bring ministerial appointments to a vote in Knesset.

Sharon will continue to serve as national infrastructure minister for three months, ostensibly to wrap up several projects. Simultaneously, he will take up the reigns in the Foreign Ministry. Sharon yesterday met with US Ambassador Edward Walker and spoke by phone with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Albright told Sharon she is looking forward to working closely with him. He is scheduled to meet with Director-General Eytan Bentsur and other ministry staffers this morning. *Danna Harman*

Boy, 16, killed by stray grenade

A grenade exploded in an olive grove near Nablus yesterday, killing Burhan Ibrahim, 16, and burning his mother. Six others were wounded in the incident.

IDF and Palestinian sources said the blast was caused by a grenade found by the teenager near the village of Azawya, about 25 kilometers north of Nablus, as he was harvesting olives.

Ibrahim was taken to Rafadiya Hospital in Nablus for treatment and died a few hours later.

An IDF source said the teenager was apparently playing with a grenade. Villagers blamed the IDF for the explosion, saying munitions are routinely found there, since Azawya is near an IDF training ground. *Steve Rodan and Mohammed Najib*

IDF: PA not stopping Hamas

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Hamas still has an extensive terrorist infrastructure and plans to carry out a series of bombings, shootings, and kidnappings, but the IDF has no concrete information of a specific attack, a senior IDF Intelligence officer said yesterday.

He told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that, while the Palestinian Authority is generally aware of Hamas's intentions, it is not making a serious effort to thwart attacks by Islamic fundamentalists. PA security only takes action when specific information is channeled to it, he said.

Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, who appeared before the panel as a last-minute replacement for his boss, Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, added that the PA does not initiate actions against Hamas and only operates when it has to and based on pinpoint information.

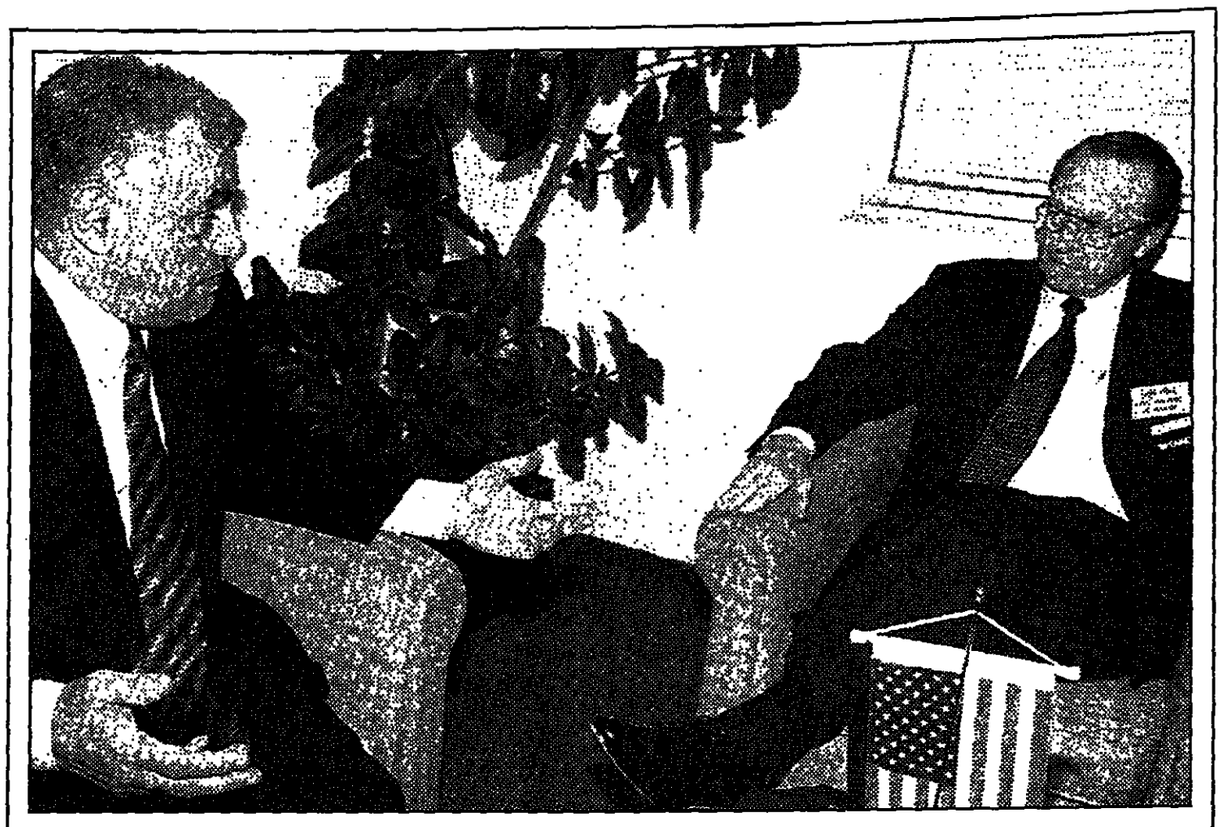
Dayan said that the situation in Hebron is particularly sensitive and complicated. He noted that there have been six attacks in the city since last month's murder of Rabbi Shlomo Ra'anan and that the PA has not solved a single one. They can do more in Hebron than what they are doing now to foil attacks, Dayan said.

Regarding tomorrow's summit at the Wye Plantation, the officer said that there is great pessimism among the Palestinians over its chances for success. "They have doubts that agreements will be reached during the summit, because many issues have still not been resolved," he was quoted as saying.

Some committee members expressed anger at Mofaz's non-appearance. Mofaz had asked that the meeting be delayed for a few hours and ultimately sent his deputy without advance notice. MK Ra'anan Cohen (Labor) criticized Mofaz, saying he was treating the committee with contempt and shirking his responsibilities.

"I came specially to hear the chief of general staff," said Cohen. "We are all here to hear him and this is a blow to the committee's integrity."

Mofaz did not show up because he had been summoned to the cabinet for discussions prior to the US summit.



Fighter duel

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai (left) meets yesterday in Jerusalem with Lockheed Martin chairman Vance Coffman, here competing for a jet fighter contract estimated at $2.5 billion with the Boeing company. (Brian Hendler)

Premier's nine points

By DANNA HARMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu sets off for Wye Plantation tonight with the following principles in hand:

1. Nothing will be agreed upon until everything is agreed. The deal must be a package, and no redeployment will take place until Israel has clear confirmation that the Palestinians are fulfilling their part of the deal.
2. The PA must fight terror by battling the bases of terror, arresting suspected terrorists and putting released terrorists back in jail.
3. There must be a Palestinian assurance of complete security cooperation with Israel.
4. A joint Israeli-Palestinian committee against incitement must be set up to monitor and fight incitement.
5. The Palestinian police force must be reduced. Today, the force stands at some 36,000. According to the Oslo Accords there should be only 24,000 police at this point. At the end of the redeployments the Palestinians are to be allowed a total of 30,000 police.
6. Illegal weapons held by Palestinians must be confiscated and efforts to battle weapon smuggling must be made.
7. The Palestinians must extradite prisoners demanded by Israel.
8. The Palestinian Covenant must be changed by the PNC.
9. Observer committees ensuring the fulfillment of responsibilities must be set up and start working immediately.

In addition to these principles, Netanyahu is planning to demand that:

1. A date for the commencement of the final status talks be settled at the summit.
2. Only Israel should be allowed to decide on the scope of the third redeployment
3. No side should engage in unilateral actions during the final status talks period.

Arabs asked Arafat to speak, school wanted Netanyahu too

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) – An Arab student group at Ohio State University withdrew its invitation to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to speak on the campus because the school insisted Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu be invited as well.

Malcolm Baroway, the school's chief spokesman, said Monday the conditions were made in the interest of balance.

"This was a unique situation that developed with two world leaders in the country at the same time," he said.

Ohio State's Arab Student Association, however, said the decision showed a double standard.

"This was to be a historical event of international proportions," said Jad A. Humeidan, president of the group. "This attempt at reaching a balance seems to be only applicable when the speaker is a Palestinian figure."

He said the students in his group are not opposed to an invitation going to the Israeli prime minister. "I'd love to hear him speak," Humeidan said. "I have a few questions for him myself. But I'm opposed to that being made a condition of Arafat's invitation."

Nasser Kidwa, permanent observer of Palestine to the UN, told *The Columbus Dispatch* on Monday that his office had been prepared to recommend to Arafat that he accept the invitation from Ohio State.

"Normally, our recommendations are not taken lightly," Kidwa said.

Arafat's New York office would require a letter from the university indicating its support for the appearance.

Baroway said the university was prepared to send a pair of invitations: one to Arafat on behalf of the Arab student group, the International Law Society, and the Moslem Student Association, and the other to Netanyahu on behalf of the Hillel Foundation and the Columbus Schottenstein Habad House.

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Turning to the 500 foreign business leaders attending the three-day event, Netanyahu invited them to "come and make money." He pointed to the recent successes in the economy, including the receipts from privatization now accounting for 3 percent of GDP. "Economic productivity is not based on control but decontrol," he said.

Bezeq chairman Izzy Tapoohi told delegates that, over the next two days, they will be presented with proposals for $50 billion worth of international tenders planned for the coming decade.

Introducing Netanyahu, Estee Lauder chairman Ronald Lauder said the economy has taken tremendous steps forward in the last two years, but urged the country follow a future path of "simplicity, fairness, and equality."

Tonight, some 60 of the world's top companies will receive prizes for their contributions to the domestic economy, among them The Jerusalem Post's parent company Hollinger International.

Hollinger has invested more than $50 million since it purchased the Post nine years ago.

"To my mind *The Jerusalem Post* would not have existed had Hollinger not come in the way it had," said Post President Paul Staszewski. "This was a typical investment for Hollinger. It's a newspaper with a good franchise and a good name, with large circulation, which at the time was losing money."

Staszewski confirmed that Hollinger is currently looking to increase its investment base here.

Settlers warn PM against withdrawal

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will face fierce opposition from the Right if he agrees to any further withdrawal, settler leaders warned yesterday.

They also warned they would field candidates against Netanyahu. Names mentioned included Uzi Landau, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, and former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir. The two reportedly denied the reports, however.

Dozens of women and children as well as leaders of the Hebron Jewish community protested outside the Prime Minister's Office yesterday, calling on Netanyahu to refrain from carrying out any further withdrawal.

Tonight, the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, the Struggle Committee, the Land of Israel Front, and other right-wing groups will hold a mass demonstration outside Netanyahu's residence.

As council leaders embarked for Washington yesterday, front leader MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher) warned that if Netanyahu goes ahead with an agreement, even an initialled one, the front would do everything in its power to topple the government.

"Netanyahu is not the messiah," Kleiner said. "There were prime ministers from the national camp before him and there will be prime ministers from the national camp after him."

He was ambivalent regarding Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon's role. "We may find out that this is the Sharon who helped [prime minister Menachem] Begin give away Sinai and dismantle Yamit," he said. "I'm afraid he was brought in by Netanyahu to help him against his critics who favor withdrawal without genuine reciprocity."

Council spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar also expressed concern about Sharon, saying council members fear his appointment was a ploy by Netanyahu to assure himself victory in another vote of confidence.

Tayar, council chairman Pinhas Wallerstein, and director-general Aharon Domb said they will campaign to remind the US of its guarantees. Council members have already set up meetings with members of Congress and Jewish and Christian leaders to stress the importance of reciprocity and compliance.

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, Moledet leader Rahavam Ze'evi, and Education Minister Yitzhak Levy and Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom (both National Religious Party) were among the government officials who mingled with demonstrators from the Hebron Jewish community outside the Prime Minister's Office. Spokesman Noam Arnon said residents demand that Netanyahu abide by his guarantees prior to signing the Hebron Agreement and provide security to the community.

"The Hebron Agreement is an example of what will befall other communities if Netanyahu goes ahead with further withdrawal. There is no peace agreement, there is only a terror agreement," he charged.

Land of Israel Front threatens to run candidate for PM

By SARAH HONIG

The Knesset's Land of Israel Front yesterday threatened to field its own prime ministerial candidate should Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu return from the US with a second redeployment deal.

If he "so much as initials an agreement, we will fight him and fight him hard," front chairman Michael Kleiner (Gesher) said last night. "We will do every thing in our power to bring him down and call new elections as soon as possible. We will act as an opposition in every respect and not only in confidence votes. Thus we will certainly vote against the budget."

Should such efforts advance the elections, the front "will certainly not endorse Netanyahu again, but will find our own candidate who is true to the Land of Israel and who will be able to withstand pressure better. If we are faced with a choice between Netanyahu and [Labor Party chairman Ehud] Barak, we would be more than hard put to discern any difference between the two, if Netanyahu signs another deal with [Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser] Arafat," he said.

Kleiner refused to name names, but among the MKs who comprise the front, Ze'ev (Benny) Begin (Likud) and Education Minister Yitzhak Levy (National Religious Party) were mentioned. Neither was formally approached and neither gave his consent to running.

The first move toward choosing a right-wing alternative candidate would be to conduct a membership drive and then hold primaries among all those who register, Kleiner explained.

He rejected the argument that this would boost the Left's candidate for prime minister. "It's all in Netanyahu's hands. If he does not strike the bargain of capitulation, he will be in no danger. But if he gives in, betrays his own platform and lets down his own voters, he will be to blame if the Left gains power as a result."

Arafat: No simultaneous talks on interim and final-status issues

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Many issues remain to be resolved in his summit with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and President Bill Clinton, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, who was scheduled to leave last night for a stopover in London on his way to Washington, said yesterday.

AP reported that Arafat will also make a special stop in Minnesota on his way to the summit to visit Jordan's King Hussein, who is under going treatment for cancer.

Arafat said he rejected Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's proposal to discuss simultaneously interim and final-status issues.

"The accord must be implemented as was agreed upon," he said at a joint news conference with Labor MK Shimon Peres.

Peres stressed the need for Israelis and Palestinians to reach agreement.

But Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said last night that the PA must agree to Israel's demands on security cooperation before the government approves a redeployment in the West Bank.

Mordechai, speaking to reporters hours after an Israeli was killed and another wounded in Moshav Ora, dismissed the suggestion that the government would commit itself to a 13.1 percent redeployment without firm security commitments from the Palestinians.

"One of the central things we will insist upon is security cooperation," he said.

Mordechai said the Oslo Accords left gaps regarding Palestinian commitments on security. He said the January 1997 Hebron Agreement filled in some of the gaps, but the PA must commit itself to do more.

After meeting with Lockheed Martin chairman Vance Coffman, he said Hamas was responsible for the terrorist attack near Ora and the stabbing murder of Michal Adato last week. He said the aim is to both kill Israelis and Jews and destroy any hope for an Israeli-PA accord.

"There is no doubt that Hamas is doing all these activities," he said. "It's a very unfortunate situation. We are fighting terror day and night. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to foil these isolated incidents."

The PA is sending a large delegation to the summit. In addition to Arafat, it includes his deputy Mahmoud Abbas, Palestinian Legislative Council Speaker Ahmed Qurei, PA ministers Saeb Erekat and Nabil Shaath, PA civil aviation head Fayez Zaiden, Gen. Abdul Razik Yehya, and Gaza security chiefs Mohammed Dahlan and Amin Hindi.

Shaath said the Netanyahu government is not agreeing to convert 14.2 percent of Area B, where Israel has security authority, to Area A, where PA has full rule. Today, 3% of the West Bank is under full Palestinian control.

Another dispute, PA officials said, is over Israel's insistence that a third redeployment will be no more than 2% of the West Bank. The PA is demanding a larger withdrawal.

Shaath also said Israel is evading a US proposal to stop construction in Jewish settlements. "The dispute stems from the fact that the Israeli side does not recognize and does not accept the US initiative, which in our opinion represents the minimum required for an interim agreement, and without which we cannot move on to final status."

MKs pessimistic about summit

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Making the rounds at the Knesset yesterday revealed a near unanimous pessimism over the chances for a successful summit.

Haim Ramon (Labor) said it would take "more than a miracle" for any agreements to be reached. "The gap is quite wide and things have to change dramatically at Wye Plantation to reach an agreement," Ramon said.

He noted that Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon's presence will restrict Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's flexibility in the negotiations.

He also claimed that Netanyahu is going to the summit without maps. "How can you reach an agreement, when the map is the heart of the agreement, without presenting the maps? In Oslo A and Oslo B reaching an agreement about the maps was a major obstacle," Ramon said.

Uzi Landau (Likud) said that Netanyahu shouldn't bother going under the present atmosphere of attacks.

"I don't see the use of going to Washington under these circumstances," he said.

Yossi Sarid (Meretz) said bridging the gaps is almost a "mission impossible. You have to have a great deal of willingness to bridge the gaps and there is a lack of willingness, at least on the Israeli side," he said.

Sarid also believes that Sharon will play a destructive role in the negotiations, but Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) said that Sharon is "the right person at the right time. The team of Netanyahu and Sharon is a team we can rely on."

Nonetheless, she said, "I'm not very optimistic about the results of the summit. I am optimistic about the results that concern the security of Israel, because if the prime minister doesn't get our basic demands from the Palestinian Authority, I don't see that we can proceed with the process."

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Secularists arise!
Members of Jerusalem Awakening, a new secular voters movement, march in the capital yesterday to get out the vote for a 'democratic and pluralistic' city. Their placards read: 'I've got a vote and it will win!' (Kevin Unger)

IDF intelligence officer:

PKK leader has left Syria for Russia

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and news agencies

IDF intelligence has evidence that Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) leader Abdullah Ocelan has left Syria and is now in Russia, a senior intelligence officer said yesterday.

Ocelan's expulsion from Damascus has been one of the Turkish demands on Syria and, if true, his departure could help defuse the two-week old crisis.

The officer told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that it is uncertain if Ocelan was forced to leave or departed on his own accord. He also did not reveal where Ocelan is in Russia nor how he got there.

He said that Turkey's belligerent attitude is also sending a signal to other countries in the region, particularly Cyprus, that Ankara is determined to act against all those who harm its interests.

"Syria has viewed the Turkish troop movements with much concern and sees the threat as an inherent effect of the defense alliance between Israel and Turkey," he was quoted as saying by a Knesset official who briefed reporters.

The officer said that during the entire episode, the Syrians refrained from reinforcing troops along the border and focused mainly on monitoring the situation. If interdiction took place it would most likely be restricted to Turkish strikes against PKK bases and not Syrian targets, he said.

Turkish Defense Minister Ismet Sezgin, meanwhile, said yesterday that Syria seems to have closed down the Kurdish rebel camps in Syria and in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. "Our impression is that Syria has ended activities in all terrorists camps on territories under its control. Of course this will be checked," he told reporters.

Sezgin also said that Iranian and Egyptian officials attempting to mediate between Turkey and Syria have relayed that Ocelan is no longer in Syria.

Sources in Turkey said that there have been a number of promises by the Syrians to cease all PKK activity, but no proof of such moves has surfaced.

In Damascus, official Syrian sources repeated denials that Ocelan had been in Syria.

"Ocelan has not entered Syria for months. If he ever came here, he could have come with a false passport without the knowledge of the Syrian authorities," a senior Syrian official told Reuters.

Despite the reports, Turkish Chief of Staff Gen. Huseyin Kivrikoglu reiterated earlier warnings that, if the diplomatic process fails, Turkey is prepared to use force against Syria.

"In the event that diplomacy does not solve the problem, taking the necessary measures is unavoidable," he was quoted as saying.

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"Mazon shouted, 'We've been here for half an hour, help us! Save us!' I had to go back up to the main road to call an ambulance," Penjel said.

By the time the ambulance arrived, Doron had died from his wounds. A fire department rescue team pulled his body from the water, and medics unsuccessfully attempted to revive him.

Mazon, who was shot in the chest and abdomen, was operated on for three hours at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, and was listed in serious but stable condition.

Before he was taken to the hospital, Mazon told police at least two Arabs shot them. Jerusalem Magistrate's Court Judge Miriam Mizrahi issued a ban on publicizing information relating to the description of the suspects, their weapons, or belongings they left behind.

Police questioned some 40 Arabs in the area following the attack.

Outside Moshav Ora yesterday evening, Jews threw rocks at Arabs' cars, breaking four windshields. The drivers abandoned the cars and left the area, and police towed the cars away to prevent further damage.

Zvi Doron, the deceased's father, said he thought it was his son who was hurt as soon as he heard of the attack. "I suspected my son was one of the people there, because he generally goes there. He is a hozer bitshuva [newly religious]," Doron said, adding that he often feared for the safety of those who went to bathe in the spring. "I told them I was afraid. I hoped that God would protect them."

Doron and Mazon both served in the army before they became religious in the last few years and affiliated with the Braslav Hassidim. They bathed often in the spring, which is considered especially holy because it was blessed by Rabbi Yitzhak Kadourie.

Following the attack, blood stained the concrete border of the small, rectangular, 1.5-meter-deep pool, which is fed by an underground spring. The neglected spring was restored about three years ago by Braslav Hassidim, Doron among them. The spring, reached via a narrow, winding road some 15 minutes from the Moshav Ora junction, lies in a nature reserve in view of Bitar and Walaja.

Residents of Ora and Aminadav who came to the spring complained of mild altercations at the site. "Arab children throw stones at us," said Aharon Boimel, a 20-year-old Braslaver who bathes there every day. He described Doron as a "very good person, always happy to help. He would come out and dance with us after he bathed. Itamar donated money to someone who wanted to go visit Uman [in Ukraine where Rabbi Nahman of Braslav is buried]."

Boimel said he would continue to bathe in the area and bring more people "in Doron's honor."

Another Braslaver, Sharon Kalimi, faulted the security services for the attack, claiming that the General Security Service and police were aware of the danger in the area. "This place is full of terrorists and police don't do a thing," he said. He said the area had been one of coexistence between Jewish and Arab neighbors "until now," adding: "There will be revenge here."

US envoy meets on Russian missile aid to Iran

By STEVE RODAN

US presidential envoy Robert Galucci arrived yesterday to discuss with senior officials the transfer of Russian technology for Iran's Shihab-3 missile, which has a range of 1,300 kilometers.

Galucci heads a delegation of US experts who are to discuss with their Israeli counterparts Iran's ballistic missile program, particularly the extent of aid being given by Russian companies.

Gallucci met with Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur, and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's special adviser Uzi Arad.

A spokesman for Sharansky said several "interesting and new ideas" were brought up in the course of the meetings, but would not elaborate.

Sources close to the talks said the Galucci visit is the latest in a series of periodic consultations on Iran's missile program. They said Galucci wants be prepared with updated information before he travels to Moscow at the end of the month to discuss with his Russian counterparts efforts to stop the unauthorized transfer of technology to Teheran.

"I can't say there's anything special about this visit," one source said.

Israeli and US intelligence sources agree that Iran could complete development of the Shihab-3 by mid-1999. They said Teheran has already started on the Shihab-4, with a range of more than 2,000 kilometers and believed to be based on the Russian SS-4 missile.

In July, Iran launched a Shihab-3 missile in what both Israeli and US experts determined was a successful test. Since then, Teherah has threatened to use the missile against Israel.

Danna Harman contributed to this report.

DEAL

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"We are in a far better position to overcome those hurdles and broaden the areas of agreement as a result of the work that's been done in recent days and weeks, but whether we will be able to do so remains an open question."

Netanyahu is scheduled to leave tonight for the three-way summit at Wye Plantation. Prior to leaving, Netanyahu – accompanied by Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon – is planning to make a quick trip to Jordan this morning. The two will meet with Crown Prince Hassan and update him on the preparations for the summit. Sharon is also planning to visit King Hussein at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota before the start of the summit.

Netanyahu goes with a series of principles, from which – so he promised the cabinet yesterday – he will not retreat.

"These are both our starting points and our end points," said a top official in the Prime Minister's Office, noting that as far as the government is concerned, most of Israel's negotiating has already been done.

"What is holding up the deal is a yes from the Palestinian side," cabinet secretary Dan Naveh said. "We have done our part."

Netanyahu promised the cabinet he would stand firm on all questions relating to the fight against terrorism, and laid out nine points detailing the specific issues on which compromise is out of the question. The cabinet, in response – and despite major reservations on the part of several ministers – decided to trust Netanyahu's word, and refrained from formally setting out parameters for the talks.

"What Netanyahu presented were enough concessions, and we will not stand for any more," said Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom. "We will not accept any amount of flexibility on any one of the points Netanyahu presented to us."

–If Netanyahu backs down from any one of the principles, threatened Yahalom, the National Religious Party will vote against the agreement when it is brought to the cabinet for approval.

Sharon explained to his fellow ministers that if they have reservations regarding Netanyahu's position, they should speak up now. If Netanyahu returns from Wye Plantation with an initialled deal, he argued, it will be too late to overturn it.

"We must stand up for our demands now," he said. "Don't think you will have room to maneuver later, because you won't. So if you want, now is the time to reign us in: Shackle our hands and our legs now and tell us what your parameters are. You won't have another opportunity later."

Taking the cue, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky asked for a special meeting of the security cabinet today for a further discussion, and perhaps vote, on the negotiating points.

"The gaps remaining between us and the Palestinians are very, very large," said a Sharansky spokesman. "And there is a need to rethink this rush."

Netanyahu's office said however that no debate on the upcoming summit will take place in the security cabinet.

President Ezer Weizman, however, said he wished the delegation well, and hoped its efforts end in the addition of "another link in the chain being created this past 20 years, and which will eventually lead to peace between us and the entire Arab world."

Netanyahu last night pledged that Israel will only agree to a second redeployment if the Palestinian Authority fulfills its obligations as laid down in the Oslo Accords.

Speaking to 1,300 business leaders at the opening of the Prime Minister's Jubilee Business Summit, he said he is traveling to the US "in a quest for a durable peace." However, he said it must be "a peace that will hold, a peace that will be secure."

FIRES

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All residents were instructed to evacuate as flames, leaping sometime 30 meters into the air, spread from tree to tree.

At one stage it appeared that the efforts of the firefighters on the ground and the IAF helicopters and Kin-Nir light planes spraying the fires had succeeded. A sudden shift in the wind, however, changed the course of the fire and the day.

Residents managed to remove Torah scrolls and other items from the moshav's synagogue, which in the end was spared.

Residents were evacuated to Neveh Yam and Nahsholim, where the Hof Hacarmel Regional Council set up emergency evacuation headquarters. They were joined by scores of residents from the nearby artists village of Ein Hod who were also forced to leave their homes for a second straight day.

Some had returned during the night and the early hours of the morning to assess the damage from Monday's fire.

Some families stayed behind to try and fight the flames and save their homes. More than a dozen houses were gutted and several others damaged during the blazes of the two days.

Opposite Ein Hod, the Yemin Orde Youth Village, which would normally have been packed with hundreds of teenagers and staff, remained empty. Police and fire service officials issued instructions for nobody to return.

The battle to keep the fires away from residential areas continued throughout the day, with the wind playing a cat-and-mouse game with firefighters, who never knew where the next front would open up.

A huge acrid pall of smoke hung over parts of the Carmel mountains throughout the day, spreading northwards across Haifa Bay like a layer of smog.

Through the haze, IAF helicopters and the light planes continued to fly, picking up water from the sea and from airstrips, and dumping their loads on the orange balls below.

Initial reports said yesterday's fire was caused by a blaze in a car. Other reports said it may have been started by negligence or even arson.

Fire officials said they are probing all possibilities, although there is no evidence of arson. The biggest problem was the tinder dry vegetation, temperatures over 40 degrees, and strong easterly winds.

Fire Service chief Moshe Vardi stressed that these conditions were the main factor in the spread of the fires on the Carmel.

More than 500 residents of Nir Etzion, Ein Hod, and the nearby Arab village of Ein Hud were evacuated from their homes to the emergency headquarters along the coast.

Among the evacuees was puzzle expert Dan Hamizter. He said the scenes of devastation at Ein Hod, in one of the most beautiful spots in the country, were heart-rending.

The Jerusalem pine, which grows relatively quickly and is suited to the topography and terrain of the Carmel, was one of the main reasons for the spread of the fire. The tree is highly flammable.

Some experts called for the establishment of a national aerial fire-fighting service with aircraft capable of dumping tons of water onto brush and forest fires. Others urged the establishment of an army reserve fire-fighting unit to back up the Fire Service.

As a precaution, the IDF evacuated all the prisoners from Military Prison 6, which is located near the fires. There did not appear to be any immediate danger to the 500 prisoners and staff, but the army said the move was a precaution.

Arieh O'Sullivan contributed to this report.

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Ein Hud narrowly escapes the flames

By DAVID RUDGE

Mohammed Abu Hija sat on the roof of his home in Ein Hud yesterday afternoon surveying the scene of devastation surrounding the Arab hamlet as a result of one of the biggest fires in the country's history.

He was relatively relaxed after the near-panic that had gripped him and other residents in the morning, when they saw walls of flames rapidly approaching the isolated community in the heart of Mt. Carmel from several directions.

"The flames were leaping scores of meters into the air and the sky was so thick with smoke it even blocked out the sun," said Abu Hija, still coughing slightly from the effects of smoke-inhalation.

"There were about 50 people, including women and children, still left in the village out of the more than 200 who live here. The rest, including my wife Sophia and our seven children, went the previous day when the fire first threatened our homes."

Some of the residents had returned to the hamlet on Monday night and some very early yesterday after it appeared that the blaze that ravaged vast tracts of Mt. Carmel, including the nearby communities of Ein Hod and Moshav Nir Etzion, had been brought under control.

They believed that the worst was over, scarcely imagining that what was in store was almost a repeat of what they and their neighbours had undergone the previous day.

Around 8.15 a.m., the fire broke out anew.

Whipped by hot easterly winds with gusts of 50 kilometers per hour, it quickly swept towards Ein Hud.

The sight of the enroaching flames was enough to frighten even the most stout-hearted, including Abu Hija, who is chairman of the Group of 40, an organization pressing for recognition of dozens of Arab settlements throughout the country. Ein Hud itself was only recently accorded official recognition.

"I had been sitting on the roof then but I had to come down because the smoke was surrounding us," he said.

"The residents who were here were in a state of panic. There is only one access road to the village, via Nir Etzion, and it was blocked because of the fire. We had no way out, nowhere to turn.

"We didn't know what to do and all the people who had congregated in front of my house were shouting at one another and the children were crying. We were suffocating from the smoke and there was nobody but us in the area," said Abu Hija, 45, the leader of the village.

Fire Brigade commanders and security officials from their forward command post in nearby Nir Etzion spotted the flames rapidly approaching Ein Hud and orders were issued to immediately evacuate the village.

Police were sent in jeeps to assist in the evacuation and teams of firemen were dispatched to fight the blaze from the ground, while light planes sprayed the flames from above.

Some of the residents started walking across the burned terrain separating the settlement from Nir Etzion.

The direct route is less than 500 meters. The unpaved access road, however, consists of several kilometers of twists and bumps before it reaches the village.

Ein Hud itself was established by former residents of what is today the artists village of Ein Hod.

They were not allowed to return to their homes after the War of Independence and settled instead on land nearby where they used to graze their sheep.

For years, Ein Hud, which today has around 40 homes, was considered an illegal settlement. Its receipt of official recognition has not yet been translated into water and sewerage networks, telephones and paved access roads.

As the residents left the village, Abu Hija began, in his own words, to calm down, although he himself did not join the exodus.

"There had been a feeling of helplessness as the flames came towards us. The smoke was everywhere and the heat was overpowering," he said.

"Fifteen of us stayed behind to fight the fire and protect our homes but, in the end, the blaze burned itself out or the wind moved it away from us and our homes were saved.

"The only damage was to the windows of a house near to mine.

Even the copse of trees that was planted by the JNF back in 1964 survived.

"We were lucky, although some of the residents said that maybe God was with us."

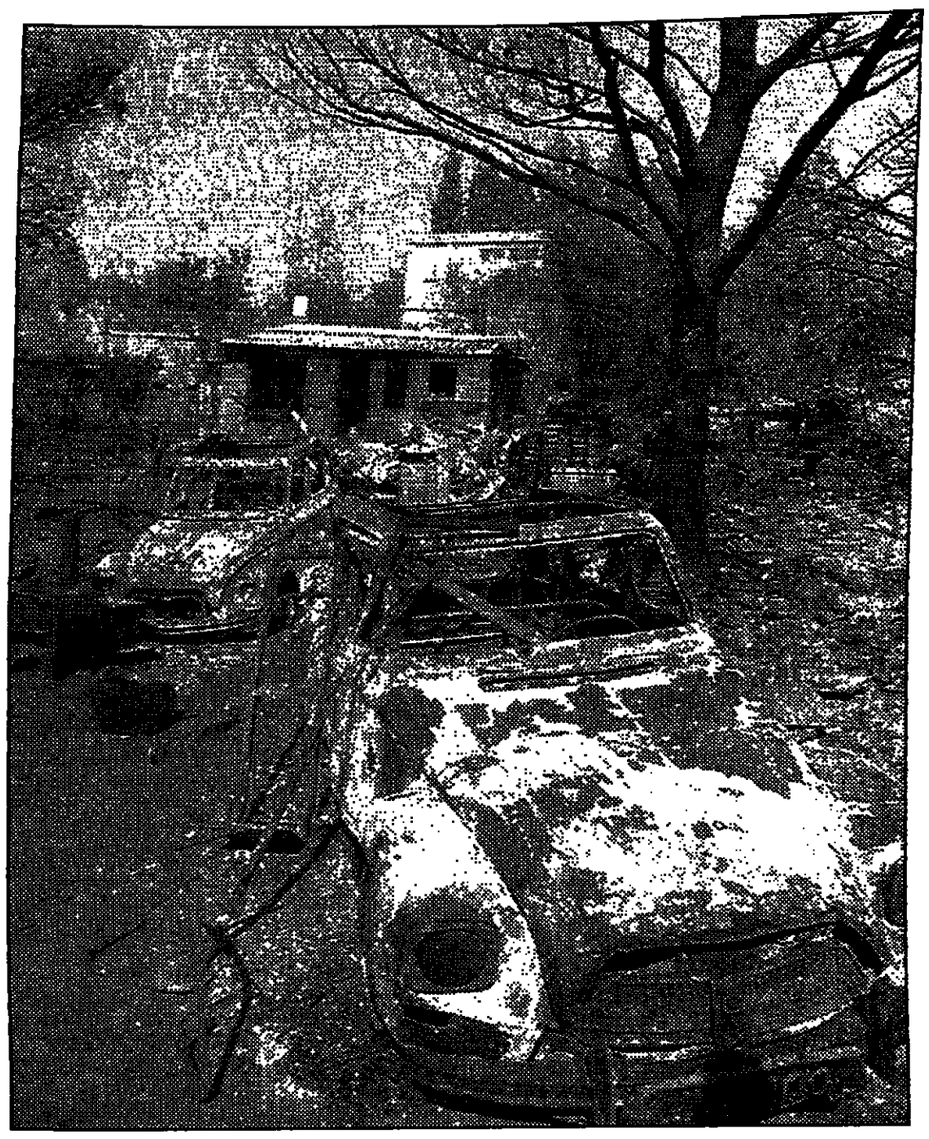
Residents of nearby Moshav Nir Etzion, which for years helped supply drinking water to Ein Hud, and the residents of Ein Hod itself, were not so fortunate as their Arab neighbours.

The fire changed course, swept by the wind and within a short space of time Nir Etzion and later Ein Hod were under threat. This time there was little that the firefighters or IAF helicopters could do to combat the fierce flames.

In Ein Hod, the Ratner family took matters into their own hands, forming a bucket line from a nearby swimming pool. They succeeded in keeping the flames at bay.

Other homes in the already devastated village, however, went up in flames.

As night fell, the orange glow of the flames continued to dominate the sky over Mt. Carmel.



Fires raged through Ein Hod yesterday for the second straight day after hot winds rekindled embers, resulting in widespread damage. More than 500 residents of nearby Moshav Nir Etzion and the Arab village of Ein Hud were also evacuated. (Israel Sun)

Arab MKs call arson charges racist

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Arab leaders yesterday protested implications by President Ezer Weizman and Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi that Arabs had caused the fires, calling them racist incitement and blood libel.

"The fires were also a result of nationalism, as well as negligence. I've been saying for a long time we have to find the way to sit down with Israel's Arab population to find the way to live together," Weizman said yesterday. "I've been saying this for a long time... I'm holding a dialogue with the prime minister about this now.

"I don't want to tell people what to do, but I believe that the subject of Israel's Arab citizens, first and foremost the Bedouin in the Negev, is one that has to receive much, much more thorough attention... What happened in Umm el-Fahm also didn't help," he said.

Ze'evi said whoever burns trees doesn't like this country and should have no part in it. He added that the Arabs' claim to ownership of the country is nothing but a joke.

MK Hashem Mahameed (Hadash) rejected any connection between the fires and the Arab population, whose villages and towns also burned, and said the statements attributing the fires to Arabs bordered on blood libel. He expressed astonishment at Weizman's statements, noting he is supposed to be the president of all Israel's citizens.

"I cannot understand how they can hold a field court-martial and condemn the entire Arab population. In my opinion, burning a tree or any animal in a forest is tantamount to murder and whoever does it should be punished accordingly."

Mahameed also rejected any connection between the fires and the events in Umm el-Fahm, "where the IDF tried to take over private lands, turn them into training areas, and prevent the owners from reaching their crops."

Jafar Farah, director of the Mosawa Center for equal rights for Israeli Arabs, charged Weizman and Ze'evi with inciting against the Arab public.

"When the big fire on the Carmel erupted nine years ago, politicians also accused Arabs, but no evidence of this was ever found," Farah said. "These accusations are an attempt to cover up the authorities' negligence and shortcomings in fire fighting. The state comptroller issued a harsh report on the fire-fighting facilities, but the government ignored it and now they're trying to incite against the Arab public."

MK Avraham Poraz (Shinui) urged the defense and interior ministers to set up an IDF reserve unit specializing in firefighting.

Barsheva Tsur contributed to this report.

Fire chief: We're operating at 25% of required level

By DAVID RUDGE and MICHAL YUDELMAN

The Fire and Rescue Service is operating at a quarter of the level needed, particularly in comparison with Western countries, Moshe Vardi, its commander, maintained yesterday.

He stressed that equipment, including initial response vehicles and fire engines, is in many cases outdated and fewer in number than required.

Furthermore, Vardi noted that the service is understaffed and that 15 percent of firemen are over 55 and that it is no secret they are less active than younger firemen.

He said that some NIS 80 million is needed to bring the service up to the standards required to deal with emergencies.

"We have about 80 initial response vehicles, which date back to 1970-74. Yesterday, while I was on duty in difficult terrain, the firemen there said this would be the last fire they will fight in such vehicles," he said. "They said that it wasn't just the smoke that got into their lungs, but also the exhaust fumes which came into their vehicle cabs.

"Such vehicles, they said, couldn't be used any more. I just hope that this matter, which we have submitted in the framework of the 1999 budget, will also be solved by the government."

Former chief Uri Manos said the public has cause for concern because the fire service does not have appropriate means to fight fires in multistory buildings, a big industrial complex, or in large tracts of open land.

Meanwhile, Micha Goldman (Labor), chairman of the Knesset Interior Committee, called on Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman to resign if he cannot provide immediate assistance to the firefighters.

He demanded that Neeman allocate the required funds to acquire new fire-fighting equipment and personnel, stating it is impossible to fight fires adequately with the old equipment.

"The fire-fighting system is collapsing and cannot cope with the many fires, while the Treasury regards it as a low priority and doesn't give it the necessary budget to function properly. If Neeman, who bears ministerial responsibility, cannot provide immediate answers, he must resign," Goldman said.

"I don't want to sound pessimistic, but if it continues one more day, some of the firefighters won't be able to go on for a third night with no rest. More firefighters must be prepared from IDF reserve units and from courses training firefighters. There is nothing more painful than seeing cows trying to escape a fire and not being able to."

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said all those which take part in fire fighting – the police, army, and fire service – must undergo a reorganization.

Kahalani, who visited the Nir Etzion fire site, said the cabinet discussed the issue and and decided to discuss the first conclusions of the investigation of the fires next week.

Palestinian firemen fight blaze at settlement

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Palestinian firefighters worked alongside their Israeli counterparts and succeeded in extinguishing a fire that broke out in the settlement Ginot Shomron on Monday night.

Udi Leibman, head of the Karnei Shomron regional council said it was not the first time that the Palestinians offered their assistance. Both sides, he said, often assist each other in dealing with road accidents. According to initial investigations carried out by police and the fire brigade, the fire was not caused by arson, said Liebman.

Close to 8:30 p.m., the fire broke out near the community's houses, said Liebman. The residents, together with Palestinian and Israeli fire and rescue squads, fought the fire for some five hours before it was put out.

The Palestinians, he said, sent fire brigade teams from Kalkilya and Nablus to help extinguish the flames. Luckily, said Liebman, none of the houses were damaged and no one was injured. The fire's only casualty was a 120 dunam olive grove that belonged to the neighboring villagers.

Fires rage in Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP) – Hundreds of firefighters, soldiers, and civilians yesterday battled fires that have already destroyed 1.75 million square meters of pine forest and olive and citrus groves.

The fire brigade and civil defense forces have canceled all vacations to mobilize more people to fight the fires.

The government also sent soldiers to battle the blazes and UN peacekeepers have used helicopters to drop water on the fires.

The blazes began this weekend in the wooded hills of Batroun in northern Lebanon. They spread quickly to areas that were unusually dry due to the recent heat wave.

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State Comptroller's Report blasts Fire Service

BACKGROUND

By LEE COLLINS

According to the 1998 State Comptroller's Report, only two of the 25 Fire and Rescue Service stations are fully manned. Some fire stations have just two firefighters on duty and several have only one.

Similarly, the number of vehicles does not meet the designated standards and in many stations – particularly small and medium-sized ones – the vehicles are old and frequently down for repairs.

The dramatic increase in the number of high-rise buildings, which have particular fire hazards, has not been fully addressed by the service.

Although proposals have been submitted, they have not yet become regulations.

There has been an improvement, however, in the handling of forest fires, although more landing pads are required to enable planes and helicopters to refill with water on-site instead of wasting time by returning to their bases.

The comptroller also criticized the firefighters' training school, which held only "very limited training activities" between 1995 and 1996 and did not run many of the planned training programs in 1997, particularly with regard to handling hazardous materials.

She said the school had not developed a comprehensive, professional approach to firefighting and prevention, and in some cases the information being taught is outdated.

After the forest fire that ravaged the Jerusalem Corridor on July 2, 1995, the government set up a commission of inquiry to investigate the fire department's poor response time and lack of proper equipment.

Many of the recommendations were not implemented, Mondy Itzhaki, spokesman for the Fire and Rescue Service Commissioner, said earlier this year.

The commission, headed by Maj. -Gen. (res.) Amos Lapidot, found that fire-fighting forces were "very far from satisfactory," and were "not equipped to handle large and extensive fires."

Refugee for a night

By ORA BRAFMAN

Haifa, Denya neighborhood, Sunday 2.45 a.m: I reach in the dark for the phone that rings like crazy. The lady who lives next to me says words that don't make much sense: something about fire, police, immediate danger. "You must leave," she says.

Simultaneously, I hear muddled announcements from several loudspeakers calling on inhabitants to evacuate their houses. This turns my brain in a split second from drowsiness to full alert mode.

I run upstairs to wake up my daughter, and notice from the balcony's window a sick-looking red sky.

Banal as it may sound, I grab a few things that at that moment seem important, and while I do, a voice in the back of my mind reminds me that people in similar situations always run for the family albums. It crosses my mind, but I don't bother.

Haifa, Romema neighborhood, 3.15 a.m: My luck. The first people I meet at the evacuation center in Romema are my insurance man and his wife, my neighbors, now fellow refugees. They look concerned, perhaps a touch reproachful since recently I renewed the house insurance without covering its contents. We don't speak of it, of course.

Need I mention my anxieties when the 6 o'clock news mentions my street when reporting the damages?

Sitting on the stairs of the sports center in Romema, I see a girl come in holding a cage with a canary and smile. I wait for dawn and wonder if I still have a home to go back to. I make myself count my blessings.

Noon: The police allow people to go back. The house is unharmed, like a calm island of sanity in the middle of a disaster area. People call to ask how I am. Some of them had never called before. I feel like I need to apologize for my good fortune, since they are a bit disappointed.

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Bodyguard assigned to Ran Cohen

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon yesterday appointed a bodyguard from the ranks of the Knesset guard for Meretz MK Ran Cohen, following repeated threats on his life from extremist right-wing groups and after Cohen's car was torched last week outside his Mevasseret Zion home.

Cohen had recently spearheaded legislation to move mass-murderer Baruch Goldstein's memorial from Kiryat Arba, and right-wing extremists have threatened to harm anyone who interfered with the memorial.

Meretz sources yesterday expressed anger at the government's failure to provide protection for parliamentarians who are threatened by extremists. They pointed out that Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, who lives across the road from Cohen, is guarded 24 hours a day by the General Security Service. No such protection was given Cohen, despite the ongoing threats to himself and his family.

Meretz sources said Tichon, who has been threatened himself, pressured Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to appoint a committee headed by former Mossad chief Nahum Admoni on the issue.

Admoni's committee presented Netanyahu with its recommendations several weeks ago, but the prime minister shelved the report and refrained from making any decision, Meretz sources said.

"And this is the same prime minister who is demanding that PA leader Yasser Arafat lays hands on Hamas terrorists. Thus a lawmaker who legislated a law is being threatened by Jewish fundamentalists and his car is torched, while the government not only fails to protect him, but also does nothing to lay hands on the culprits," a Meretz source said.



Moderate Orthodox alternative

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi Doron (seated) greets his Ashkenazi counterpart, Rabbi Yisrael Lau, as Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg makes a point at yesterday's opening of the Lavi Conference at Kibbutz Ramat Rachel. The parley, which moves today to Kibbutz Lavi in the Galilee, aims to foster a modern Orthodox alternative to the country's religious leadership. (Brian Hendler)

NEWS *in brief*

Worker killed in airport accident

A worker for Talelim, a subcontractor of Solel Boneh's on the Ben-Gurion 2000 project, was killed in an accident during infrastructure work at the airport yesterday.

The accident occurred as large concrete pipes were being broken up. The worker was a resident of east Jerusalem. *Itim*

Shas leader seeks Pollard release

Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, the spiritual leader of Shas, has written a letter to President Bill Clinton asking him to pardon Jonathan Pollard.

Several weeks ago, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai visited Pollard, and reported to Yosef that he was depressed. Yosef then decided to personally appeal to Clinton for his release. *Itim*

Exhibit on survivors who made aliya opens

As part of the jubilee of Israeli independence, a year-long exhibit opened at Yad Vashem yesterday paying tribute to Holocaust survivors who made aliya. The project is called "Under the Blazing Lights: The First Decade in Israel for Holocaust Survivors." It describes the contribution and absorption of survivors, especially during the War of Independence, according to Yad Vashem spokeswoman Iris Rosenberg. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Arab book week starts today

Arab book week will be opened today at 4 p.m. by Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert in the central library in east Jerusalem. It will continue through next Tuesday. Some 450,000 books – 8,000 titles – from different Arab countries will be offered at the fair, run by the municipality's cultural department.

During the week, theater groups, bands, and dance troupes will perform at the festival, which will be opened from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. *Amy Klein*

Woman killed in traffic accident

A woman was killed and a man seriously injured in a traffic accident when the van in which they were traveling overturned on the Eilat-Uvda road yesterday. *Itim*

Generali prize withheld as compromise fails

A last-ditch effort by the Prime Minister's Office yesterday failed to reach a compromise with Italian insurance giant Generali over the publication of World War II-era policies, the office announced.

As a result, Israel will withdraw an award it planned to present to Assicurazioni Generali at the Prime Minister's Jubilee Business Summit tonight in Jerusalem, said Bobby Brown, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's adviser on Diaspora affairs.

The company's chairman, Antoine Bernheim, was among dozens of international business leaders named to receive the "Jubilee Award" for contributing to the Israeli economy. Generali spent $320 million in 1997 to acquire a majority position in the local Migdal insurance company.

"We are quite surprised and disappointed," said I.A. Ben-Porath, a lawyer for Generali in Israel who was involved in the negotiations.

Generali, which reneged recently on an agreement to pay $100 million to Holocaust-era policy holders and their heirs, has come under increased criticism for not making public information on wartime policies.

Brown said Generali had offered to provide some names, but not detailed information of policy holders; including maiden names, beneficiaries, and occupations, which would make it easier for heirs to identify.

"We didn't feel that was a commitment we could live with," Brown said.

Earlier this year, Generali provided information on war-era policies to Yad Vashem, but only on condition that the information be used for the remembrance authority's research and not for publication. Yad Vashem said the information has established that Generali sold life insurance policies to over 100,000 Jews on the eve of the Nazi Holocaust.

Ben-Porath said Generali has already committed to releasing policy information to an international commission that will investigate Holocaust insurance claims. That commission is to meet for the first time on October 21 in New York.

But Brown said there was no guarantee that the commission would require Generali to make a full disclosure of the details. He said he would like to see the information on Generali's 337,000 war-time policies published in newspapers and the Internet. (AP)

Wiesenthal: Restoring Jewish property remains an issue

By ELDAD BECK

VIENNA – Not only Switzerland, Germany, Austria, France, and Italy but also small countries in Eastern Europe, such as Croatia, face the issue of restoring Jewish property confiscated during World War II, according to Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal.

"People in all the countries that were occupied by the Germans got [confiscated] Jewish property. In Eastern Europe and and in Western Europe. The whole matter is a big shame for the non-Jews," said Wiesenthal, 89, in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*.

Wiesenthal has recently persuaded the European Parliament to investigate a law passed by Croatia which would stop short of recognizing a responsibility to restore all confiscated Jewish property.

According to this law, any Jewish property taken by members of the Croatian pro-Nazi militia, the Ustasha, and then nationalized by the communist authorities, would be given back to those who stayed in Croatia.

Wiesenthal rejects arguments that it is too late to bring up restitution claims more than 50 years after the end of the war.

He said that "the Jewish people had not only lost 6 million people, it lost 6 million witnesses, and the Nazis killed 95 percent of the elite of European Jewry."

Wiesenthal is not very keen, because of his advanced age, to accept a proposal by Austrian Chancellor Viktor Klima to join the official Austrian commission that is to investigate the issue of confiscated Jewish property in Austria.

The commission was created by the Austrian government last week, and is expected to start work in three months.

Wiesenthal believes that Austria has not done enough to compensate Holocaust victims. He also maintains that no Austrian or German company will compensate wartime slave laborers unless it is required to do so by law.

He also believes that it is very difficult to estimate the value of Jewish property confiscated during the war.

"Every estimation is a speculation, since we can only talk about the value of property 60 years ago. This concerns not only property, but also money in bank accounts and shares in companies that were taken over by governments [after the war]," he said.

Court voids Housing Ministry appointment

By BATSHEVA TSUR and Itim

The High Court of Justice yesterday cancelled the appointment of Shimon Einstein as director of the authority for rural building in the Housing Ministry.

A seven-member bench, headed by President Aharon Barak, ruled that the appointment was not in keeping with civil service regulations.

The authority deals with building in Judea and Samaria and along the Green Line.

Einstein served formerly as adviser on settlements to Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush. In August 1996, he was appointed acting director of the authority even though he was unqualified. The appointment was opposed by Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander.

In an attempt to help Einstein, Porush requested that the requirements for the job be changed so that a public tender not be necessary.

The government approved the change, which would have been valid for as long as the current government remains in power. In September 1997, Einstein got the appointment.

However, the Histadrut and the Organization of Academics in the Social Sciences petitioned the High Court, claiming that the appointment contravened the Civil Service Law, and the court ruled that the government could not turn this position into one where it is possible to make a political appointment.

The ministry was given six months to arrange a public tender and Einstein was ordered to relinquish the post when that period is over. The justices also called on the government to take greater care in future instances of this kind.

Netanya parents close schools over safety

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Schools in Netanya, except for special education facilities, were closed by the local Parents' Association yesterday to protest serious safety problems that have not yet been resolved. The parents also say that the city has failed to provide other important services, including school nurses and psychologists.

The strike is scheduled to continue today, after a meeting last night between association representatives and Education Minister Yitzhak Levy ended in failure, Israel Radio reported.

The shutdown was about 90 percent effective in elementary and secondary schools and about 75 percent-80% effective in kindergartens, Avi Metzger, the head of the Parents' Association, said.

Outlining the safety problems, Metzger explained that in the city's Shapira State Religious High School, the gym was closed by engineers after "serious problems" were found with the ceiling. "We didn't want another a second Beersheba incident," he said, referring to the collapse of a school gym roof last summer that killed two pupils.

At the city's Bialik Elementary School, work on repairing a third-floor ceiling that has begun crumbling has only just begun, Metzger said. At the Tachkemoni Elementary School, the situation is so bad "that the best that can be said is that they should come knock it down and start all over again," Metzger said, with problems including rotting window frames and unacceptable bathrooms, a problem he added affects many of the city schools.

"At the David Elementary School, there are four stalls available for some 300 children, because the rest aren't working and have been closed down," he said.

Metzger noted that the parents have been asking to have the problems fixed since May, "but we're dealing with a municipality which is essentially dead, and there's no one with whom to speak."

He said municipal officials claim "they're doing their best," and accused the municipality of using money earmarked for education to pay salaries, including NIS 2 million received from the Education Ministry specifically for renovations.

While some parents were angry about the shutdown, "they realize it's for their children's benefit," Metzger claimed.

Mendy Weiss, who holds the education portfolio on the City Council, denied Metzger's charges regarding salaries, and said the city is doing "the best it can." He called Metzger's charges "exaggerated," and said the ceilings mentioned are of the type "that if they collapse, while it wouldn't be so nice, wouldn't be so terrible."

"We made repairs, and at other places the parents know these are things that can't be completed so quickly. We're working on them," he said.

Weiss said the parents had demanded an urgent meeting with Levy, which was arranged for last night. While Weiss said the parents had agreed to cancel the strike in exchange, Metzger said that depended on what Levy had to say.

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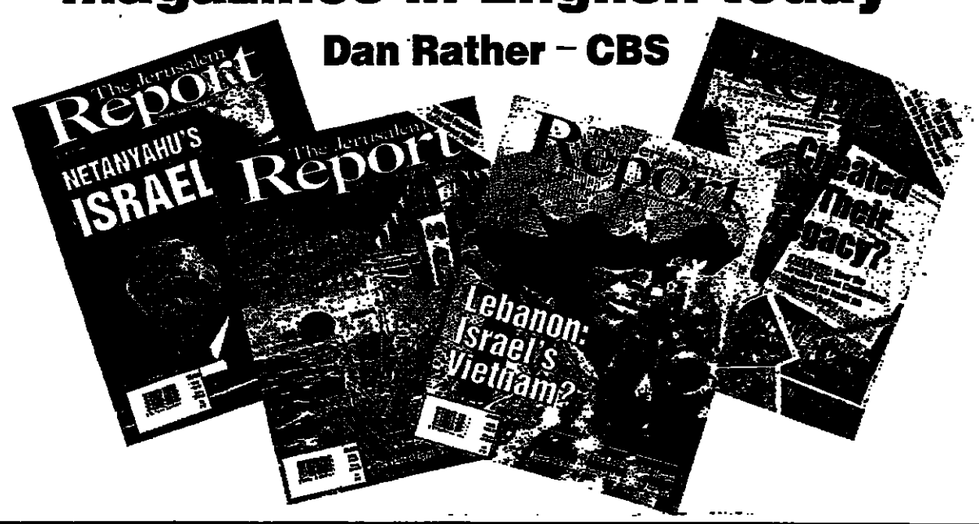
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Unbridled greatness

Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

It seems that if NATO went to war with Slobodan Milosevic over Kosovo, the action would be deadly and serious.

Six B-52 bombers are pre-positioned in England armed with cruise missiles. Eleven of NATO's 16 states have been running serious exercises (call it rehearsal) since October 1. At last count, 5,000 troops, 200 warplanes and 60 ships, with more cruise missiles, were playing the war games.

Orders were released to the military command Monday, yet no one believed Milosevic would not back down under the ruthless negotiating tactics of US envoy Richard Holbrooke and the muzzle of NATO's big gun. At the last minute it seems he has agreed to the demands of the UN Security Council and NATO to halt his foul deeds in Kosovo.

Everyone also believed Saddam would back down in Kuwait. Is Milosevic a shrewder dictator than the Iraqi? He probably is, at least in balancing immediate gain against loss, but he is just as relentless in bouncing back to his old ways.

Yugo, I go

A reader complimented us on our recent items on Yugoslavia, but confessed he still doesn't understand what's going on. What is Yugoslavia now? Isn't it Serbia? Isn't Kosovo part of Serbia, so why did NATO get involved? Why didn't the UN act when Russia invaded Chechnya? Another good question we could add is: "Why is Milosevic willing to risk a war with NATO (which he will lose badly) over this poor province?"

First, let's clear some debris from the scene. When Communism collapsed, Yugoslavia, as we had known it, broke up into warring statelets. Only Slovenia slipped away quietly to freedom, democracy and prosperity – although Macedonia too has managed to skate uneasily clear of trouble. Bosnia and Croatia are now sleeping dogs, best left to lie.

That's four out of six. Two republics remained, Serbia and Montenegro. Many writers use Serbia and Yugoslavia interchangeably, though this is not strictly accurate. The tiny and mountainous Montenegro keeps a low profile in its federation with Serbia, but together they form Yugoslavia – a rump, but heir, of the old federation.

Yugoslavia is mostly about Serbia (capital Belgrade), and Serbia is mostly about President Slobodan Milosevic.

Greater me

Under Milosevic, the Serbs have acquired a somewhat inflated idea of their own importance in God's Balkan universe. We have heard nothing of plans for a Greater Slovenia, yet Milosevic brazenly rides under the banner of Greater Serbia. We all know that appending "greater" to the name of ultra-nationalist little countries spells nothing but trouble for their not-so-great neighbors. Hence parts of Croatia and all of Bosnia were given the dubious honor of being regarded as part of Milosevic's Greater Serbia that had to be "cleansed" of inferior non-Serbian types. The international community sluggishly woke up to the horrifying fact that Serbian concentration camps were beginning to look an awful lot like Nazi ones.

When the antics of Milosevic's murderous troops became too much even for appeasers and apologists to stomach, NATO wiped out the Bosnian Serb military machine and invited Milosevic to Dayton, Ohio, to discuss cutting Greater Serbia down to size. So far we have made no mention of a place called Kosovo. What happened? In this province, the people think Yugoslavia consists of three states, Serbia, Montenegro – and Kosovo. The province is an inverted triangle in the south of Serbia, with Albania on one side and Macedonia on the other. The population is more than 90 percent Albanian, mostly secular or nominal Moslems.

While Milosevic was busy persuading Bosnians of the greatness of being murdered by Serbs, he had little time for the growing resentment at home in Kosovo. This resentment he personally seeded in 1989 by scrapping Kosovo's traditional autonomy. Kosovans increasingly demanded independence instead.

Precedent rules

Stymied in Croatia and Bosnia, Milosevic finally turned Serbian greatness loose on Kosovo this year. Having put years of hand-wringing over Bosnia behind it, the West began wringing its hands over Kosovo.

The trouble here is that the West does not approve of independence for Kosovo. There already are too many new and struggling little states in the world and the ugly word "precedent" makes politicians shudder.

Why did the West not intervene in Chechnya's brutal little war? The real reason is that Russia is too big and powerful of course – the excuse was "precedent." If Chechnya could secede, why not California, the Basques, Normandy, Yorkshire? Or Kosovo.

Faced with public horror over Serb atrocities in Kosovo, precedent has been quietly shelved for the moment and NATO's masters have chosen to regard Kosovo like Kuwait – a tiny, blameless little land terrorized by a big, nasty dictator. If this had been Milosevic's first military action, he undoubtedly would have gotten away with it as an internal matter. But the world is just a little sick of Milosevic and of Serbian security forces with all the military discipline of a pack of jackals. The phrase "Serb forces" has acquired the same unsavory association as Falangist, Khmer Rouge and death squad.

The greater good of Europe justifies the final removal of that delusion of "greater-ness" from the name of Serbia and the hands of such "security forces." Maybe Milosevic has cunningly gone to ground for the moment, but NATO would be wise to keep practicing.

The pope: A retrospective

For 20 years, traditionalist John Paul II has ruled the Catholic Church with an iron fist – all the while preaching a message of freedom and democracy

By STEVE PAGANI

VATICAN CITY – Hailed by traditionalists as a God-send for Roman Catholicism, Pope John Paul marks his 20 years at the head of a Church facing challenges from reformists warning change is crucial as the third millennium beckons.

When the little known archbishop of Krakow strode onto the world stage on October 16, 1978, few believers had any idea how momentous his papacy would be to the 20th century.

Few could predict that the first non-Italian pope in nearly 500 years would throw off many of the stiff trappings of the papacy to travel the world, embrace the old and dying, kiss babies and become, unwittingly perhaps, a media superstar.

Some who already knew the man, who suffered under Nazi occupation and endured years of Communist rule in his homeland, had no doubt that Karol Wojtyla would stamp his authority on a Catholic Church some conservatives feared was losing its way.

Many Catholics, especially in the developed world, take issue with the pope's proclamations on issues such as sex and the right to abortion or his unbending opposition to married priests or women clergy.

Few can fault him, however, for his fight for human rights.

Since his first foreign trip to Mexico in 1979 and in his subsequent 83 forays outside Italy, the pope has preached a message aimed not just at the faithful, but often at dictators oppressing their people or to Western leaders heading societies he considered were living in a moral vacuum.

"I speak in the name of those who have no voice," he said on a trip to Africa in 1980. For the pope "those with no voice" could mean the dissident rotting in jail or the unborn child.

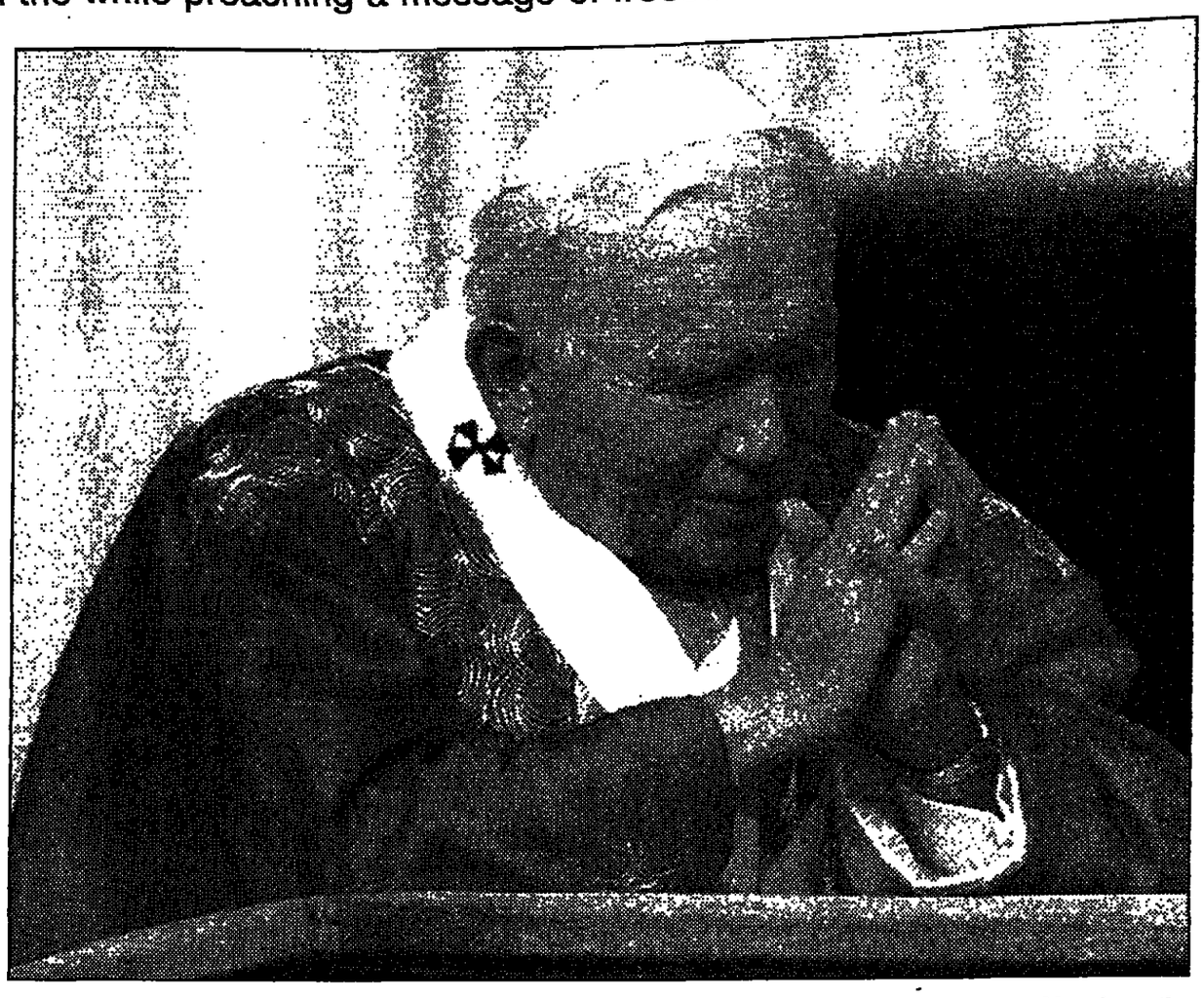
In Nigeria, he said the exploitation of the poor and ignorant was a crime against God's work; in Colombia he berated those living in luxury and in Brazil, he argued that peasants should be able to work their own land.

He condemned apartheid in South Africa, defended workers' rights in South Korea and the right of Brazilians to belong to trade unions. And in an unprecedented act for a pope, he donned a miner's helmet in Bolivia to show his solidarity.

For those living behind the barbed-wire borders of the former Soviet bloc, the pope was no less a hero.

The pope became a guiding light and ultimately the protector of Poland's Solidarity movement in its struggle against Communist rule – events that led ultimately to the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Mikhail Gorbachev, Moscow's last Communist president, wrote after the collapse of the Soviet Union: "One can say that everything that has happened in Eastern Europe in recent years would have been impossible without the pope's efforts and the enormous role, including the political role, he has played on the world arena."



The first non-Italian pope in nearly 500 years threw off many of the stiff trappings of the papacy to travel the world, embrace the old and dying, kiss babies and become a media superstar. (AP)

THE enduring image of the pope's fight for religious freedom worldwide and his vehemence toward atheism was no better illustrated than on his trip to Nicaragua in 1983.

Like a messianic figure from the early years of the Roman Catholic Church, the pope, shouting to be overheard over their chants, bore down on Marxist Sandinistas, almost wielding the cross above his head.

This was the authoritarian pope, a pope who would not truck with change but have to face challenges within his own church.

POPE John Paul, who regarded liberal theological scholars with suspicion, crushed dissent.

Bishops and other clergy wedded to the idea of "liberation theology" in Latin America, cooperating with leftist forces against dictatorial repression, were replaced or retired.

In 1986, Father Charles Curran was relieved of his teaching post at the Catholic University of Washington after preaching that the Church should recognize divorce and stable gay relationships.

French bishop Jacques Gaillot was removed from his diocese in 1995 after speaking in favor of married priests and the use of condoms by people suffering from HIV.

Theologians were not immune. "Consulations" at the Vatican were likened to a modern-day Inquisition, pressing opponents to recant. The punishment: little more than exile to an intellectual gulag.

Swiss theologian Hans Kueng refused the invitation to the Vatican to discuss his work that questioned the dogma of papal infallibility. He was removed as lecturer at the University of Tuebingen and stripped of his title of Catholic theologian.

Brazilian theologian Leonardo Boff, a Franciscan, was condemned in 1985 to a year of silence and forbidden to teach or publish books after using Marxist language to criticize the Church as having a "colonial pact" with the ruling classes.

Just last month, John Paul reiterated the Church's teachings on moral issues that incense many within the liberal wing of church. He defended the encyclical of Pope Paul VI banning contraception and attacked homosexual marriage.

"Today, more than ever, it is necessary to recover the sense of marriage as a pact of life in which a man and woman bond themselves forever," he said.

He refuses to consider allowing divorced or remarried people to take communion unless they abstain from sexual relations.

A poll in Italy in 1995 found more than 50 percent of Catholics in favor of divorce and premarital sex. But polls have never bothered the pope.

"The Church does not depend on the criteria of numbers and fashion," the pontiff once said.

The pope has prevented any discussion of the ordination of women – a topic that has contributed to a new frostiness in relations with the Anglican Church.

Vatican diplomats successfully opposed the inclusion of abortion rights language in a UN document at the 1994 Cairo conference on population and development.

CAN a pope who championed democratic rights all over the world continue to run the Church as an absolute monarchy?

A growing split between liberals and traditionalists in Catholic Austria widened when the country's primate, Cardinal Hans Hermann Groer was accused of sexually abusing minors.

The movement, "We are the Church!", argues for the very changes that are anathema to Pope John Paul – married priests, women clergy, and the appointment of bishops only with consultation with the local diocese.

The movement has spread to Germany, Belgium, Italy and the US.

Reformist Austrian priest Ugo Fischer said in June: "The pope is an old and sick man and the Vatican is like Moscow in the last years of the Brezhnev era."

Tensions and divisions within the Catholic Church in such key countries as the US cannot be ignored, reformists say, but they expect little change under Pope John Paul.

It is one of the arguments against a long papacy and for the election of another relatively young cardinal as his successor.

The Church has to adapt to the modern world if it wants to keep believers in the pews and to have enough priests to stand in the pulpit, they say.

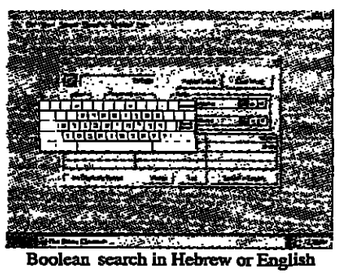
As the pope has appointed nearly 90% of the cardinals who will elect his successor, conservatives may win the day.

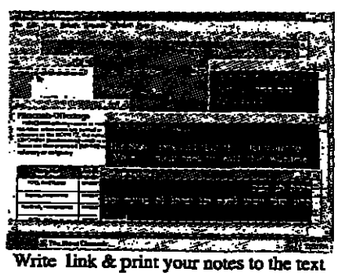
But Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini of Milan, mentioned as a possible successor, has proposed studying the possibility of women becoming deacons, and has described priestly celibacy as an historical decision that could be changed.

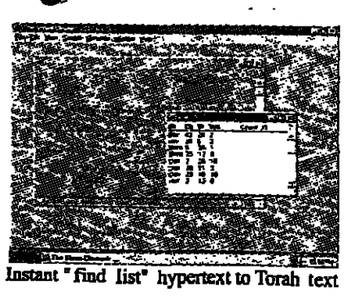
Any real change, even on these two issues, would have as profound an effect on the Roman Catholic Church at the start of the 21st century as Pope John Paul had in the 20th. (Reuters)

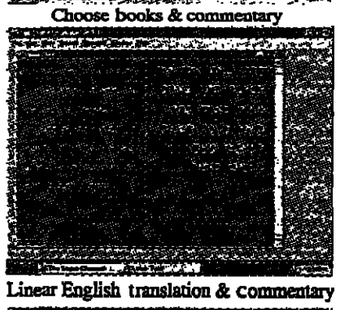
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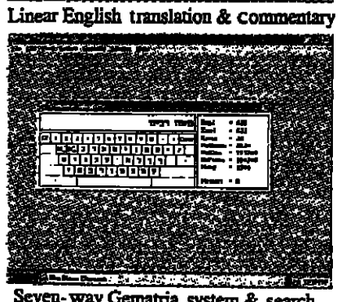

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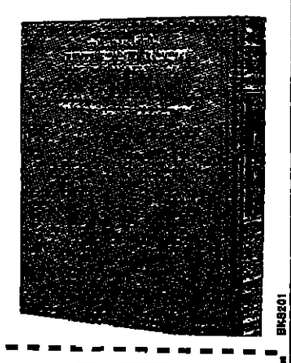

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US claims breakthrough in Kosovo

By VESELIN TOSHKOV

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) – US envoy Richard Holbrooke proclaimed a breakthrough in efforts to end the Kosovo crisis after week-long talks with President Slobodan Milosevic.

But, he warned, "we're not out of the emergency yet." He said it's up to Milosevic's government to prove its commitment to international demands it has agreed to honor.

President Bill Clinton said yesterday he is satisfied that international monitoring in Kosovo will give NATO leaders the facts they need to decide whether Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic should be spared air attacks to end months of bloody repression in Kosovo.

"I'm very pleased about where we are today because we are not dependent on hope," Clinton said in brief remarks at the White House.

Milosevic consented Monday to withdraw his forces from Kosovo, begin peace negotiations with separatist ethnic Albanians and allow some 2,000 international observers into the troubled Kosovo province.

After late night meetings in Brussels, Holbrooke returned yesterday to Belgrade and reached the agreement with Milosevic.

"We hope this will mark a turning point in the right direction. But the proof ... is in compliance with UN resolution 1199 and with actions on the ground in Kosovo," the US trouble-shooter said

In a rare national television address, the Yugoslav leader declared that the agreements "avert the danger of a military intervention against our country." "Our task is to accelerate the political process and economic recovery of our country as a whole," Milosevic said.

It was the first time the Yugoslav president had addressed the nation since the 1995 Dayton peace accords which ended the war in neighboring Bosnia.

Yesterday's developments capped a dramatic series of developments to force an end to Milosevic's crackdown against ethnic Albanian rebels in the southern province in Serbia, the dominant Yugoslav republic.

Before his television address, Milosevic said the agreement demonstrated his government's commitment to the peace process, but also reflected his position that the demands are unwarranted.

"The steps which our country is taking to solve the Kosovo problems by peaceful means show our firm commitment that all questions can be solved by political means, but also the determination to protect the country's territorial integrity and sovereignty," he said in a statement.

Since the crackdown began Feb. 28, Milosevic has insisted the crisis was an internal matter in which foreign powers should play no role. The crackdown was aimed at crushing the Kosovo Liberation Army, fighting for independence of the majority Albanian province, which is a part of the Yugoslav republic of Serbia.

Hundreds of people have been killed in Kosovo and hundreds of thousands of people have been forced from their homes during the seven-month operation.

International leaders stepped up efforts to resolve the crisis because of fears that thousands of homeless refugees would die if they could not return to their homes by the time winter sets in.

Yugoslavia expects that the verification mission, to be led by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, "will eliminate false, untrue and malicious reports about the situation in Kosovo," Milosevic said in his statement.

To make sure Milosevic abides by the agreement, NATO agreed early yesterday on the final step needed to authorize airstrikes.

The 16-nation alliance set a four-day deadline for Milosevic to begin complying with international demands.



US envoy Richard Holbrooke covers his eyes during a press conference in Belgrade yesterday. He said that Yugoslavia has agreed to international ground and air verification of its compliance with UN resolutions on Kosovo. (Reuters)

NEWS
in brief

Ex-US Army code breaker charged as spy

WASHINGTON (AP) – The FBI yesterday charged a former analyst with the US Army's supersecret National Security Agency with selling top defense secrets to the Soviet Union during 1988-1991 for $60,000. David Sheldon Boone, 46, who has been living in Germany, was arrested after being lured to Washington by an FBI sting, in which agents posed as spies for Russia trying to get him to resume spying, the Justice Department said. The government said the information he delivered to a Soviet KGB agent included details of US targeting of tactical nuclear weapons in case of a Soviet nuclear attack and of the US military's interception of signals intelligence.

New UK campaign-funding laws proposed

LONDON (AP) – A government-appointed committee yesterday recommended a 20 million pound ($34 million) limit on spending by political parties for national elections and compulsory disclosure of big campaign donations to deter influence-buying in British politics. "Many members of the public believe that the policies of the major political parties have been influenced by large donors, while ignorance about the sources of funding has fostered suspicion," committee chairman Lord Neill said.

One killed as plane crashes into US home

BOWIE, Maryland (AP) – A plane for a traffic-reporting service crashed into a suburban home in thick fog yesterday, killing the pilot and critically injuring the reporter.

Two residents of the house, which was set afire, escaped unharmed. Veteran pilot Douglas Duff, 42, of Alexandria, Virginia, died in the crash.

German theater drops alleged antisemitic play

FRANKFURT (AP) – An avant-garde theater in Berlin has backed down on plans to perform a play Jewish leaders have criticized as antisemitic, saying it would instead invite an Israeli company to stage the piece in Germany next year.

Negotiators hope to reach US budget deal

By JIM ABRAMS

WASHINGTON (AP) – With a budget agreement within sight, negotiators were digging yesterday for what could be bruising battles over education, family planning and other divisive issues.

"We're highly motivated to hang tough," said Rep. Vic Fazio of California, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus. "I think we have momentum on our side."

Republican leaders have expressed confidence that after a week of intense negotiations they would finish by yesterday all but the details of a giant bill needed to fund US government programs in the fiscal year that began October 1.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and other Republican leaders said a completed bill could move to the House and Senate floors as early as today. "Maybe that's an optimistic goal, but I think it's clearly achievable based on what we have reached agreement on," Lott said.

But House Democrats, after a party meeting in the morning, said they were not satisfied with the Republican response to President Bill Clinton's demands for money to hire more elementary school teachers and build more schools.

"There is no resolution at all on school construction, which our people feel is very, very important and very necessary in this bill," House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri said. He said the issues of extending prescription contraceptives for federal workers and the use of statistical sampling for the 2000 census are still unresolved.

On the Republican side, Senate Budget Committee chairman Pete Domenici said on ABC's *Good Morning America* that the dispute over whether control over dispensing money for new teachers should be national or local, as Republicans want, is "going to be a sticking point, but it'll be resolved today."

White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles named education and the environment as two big obstacles to an agreement. Clinton wants $1.1 billion more in the budget for his proposal to hire 100,000 more elementary school teachers. Republicans have agreed to the spending, but their proposal would turn the money directly over to local school districts and would ban new federal testing of students.

The bill would wrap together eight of the 13 annual spending bills that had not become law when the new fiscal year began on October 1. It would include spending of about $500 billion – nearly one-third of the federal budget – for programs in the areas of health, education, labor, foreign aid, and law enforcement.

To avoid a repeat of the government shutdowns of the winter of 1995-96, the House and Senate on Monday approved their third temporary measure to keep the government open. This time the extension lasts until midnight tonight.

Quantum physicists and chemists win Nobel prizes

By JONATHAN LYNN

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) – Three quantum physicists and two quantum chemists won Nobel Prizes yesterday for their discoveries about the building blocks of matter.

The prestigious awards confirmed the dominance of American science, as all work at US institutions.

US physicists Robert Laughlin and Daniel Tsui and German scientist Horst Stoermer shared the 1998 Nobel Prize in physics.

Austrian-born Walter Kohn and Briton John Pople shared the prize in chemistry.

The two prizes, awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, are each worth $970,000).

Laughlin, Tsui, and Stoermer won the prize for their work on how electrons behave in magnetic fields, a branch of particle physics which has already yielded a rich crop of Nobel prizes.

Their discoveries in quantum mechanics – the rules by which very small particles like electrons move – are significant for the miniaturization of electronic products.

"This discovery could be a breakthrough in the barrier that limits the smallness of computers, televisions, and mobile phones," Anders Barany, associate professor of theoretical atomic physics at Stockholm University, told Reuters. "This could be the microelectronics of the next century."

Laughlin, born in 1950 and a professor at Stanford University, said he went "bananas" when he heard the news. "I am hoping to use this as a soapbox to tell people how really fantastic nature is and to drive home the idea that there are new things in the world all over the place, if you only have eyes to see them," he told NBC's KRON television station.

Laughlin said their discovery probably did not have a practical application that would produce a new gadget, "but the main utility for a discovery is in a sense a knowledge base for discovering bigger things, like what happens in the universe."

Kohn and Pople, described by the academy as the two most prominent figures in the enormous theoretical and computational developments which are revolutionizing chemistry, made it possible to model new chemicals in a computer as an alternative to chemical experiments.

Their work has applications from pharmaceuticals – seeing how a new drug would work – to the environment.

Stoermer was born in 1949 in Frankfurt and is now a professor at Columbia University. Tsui was born in 1939 in Henan, China, and is now a US citizen and professor at Princeton University.

Kohn, born in Vienna in 1923, works at the department of physics at the University of California at Santa Barbara, where he headed the Institute of Theoretical Physics from 1979 to 1984.

Pople, born in England in 1925 and still a British citizen, has been professor of chemistry at Northwestern University in Chicago since 1986.

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Recent publications in the media that Generali has withdrawn from its agreement to create a $100 million dollar fund for payment to assureds or successors of assured of Generali, who have perished in the Holocaust, are taken out of context and are therefore distortions.

Generali has joined, on a voluntary basis, the International Commission Process established under the Memorandum of Understanding of September 14, 1998 with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners of the United States.

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The allegations that Generali has used "Jewish money" to acquire the shares of Migdal are malicious and not worthy of a serious response. Such public allegations are a cynical and baseless abuse of the Holouast.

Generali is a company with a strong affinity to the history of the Jewish people and to the State of Israel. In the days of the Fascist and Nazi domination of Triesti Generali was persecuted as a "Jewish Company". The Chairman of the Board of Generali, Antoine Bernheim, is himself a Holocaust survivor whose parents perished in the concentration camps. Generali was a founder of Migdal in 1935. Since the 1950's it has held a 27% stake in the company. In 1997 Generali acquired from Bank Leumi and from the public in Israel approximately an additional 32% of Migdal. The acquisition represented the largest unleveraged foreign investment in a financial company in Israel and did not originate in local Bank financing. By this acquisition Migdal became a full fledged member of an international insurance group - presently, the only company of its kind.

In connection with the acquisition of Migdal, Generali voluntarily established a trust fund in memory of its assureds in East and Central Europe who perished in the Holocaust. The Fund is managed by five Trustees headed by retired Supreme Court Justice Dov Levin.

Generali is the only European insurance company which has, to date, voluntarily computerized the names of assureds to whom policies were issued as far back as 70 years ago and until 1945, as reported by its various branch offices. To the best of its knowledge, so far, Generali is the only company to have established an Information center which provides information to any applicant. The existence of the Information Center was advertized by Generali in the major newspapers in Jewish centers worldwide.

Generali provided Yad Vashem with a list of the names of insureds in East and Central Europe, to aid Yad Vashem in the compilation of the names of Holocaust victims, assisting Yad Vashem in its endeavors.

On August 19, 1998 a Settlement Agreement was entered between Generali and the Council for Plaintiffs in an Action filed against Generali and others in the Federal Court of New York, according to which Generali was to establish a $100 million dollar fund. The fund was to provide for payment of claims under policies recognized by the Committee, and payments to a memorial fund.

Simultaneously, Generali signed on August 19, 1998 a Letter of Intent with the representatives of the Plaintiffs and representatives of the World Jewish Restitution Organization, under which Generali undertook to sign a Memorandum of Understanding which established a mechanism for resolving and paying Holocaust heirs insurance claims.

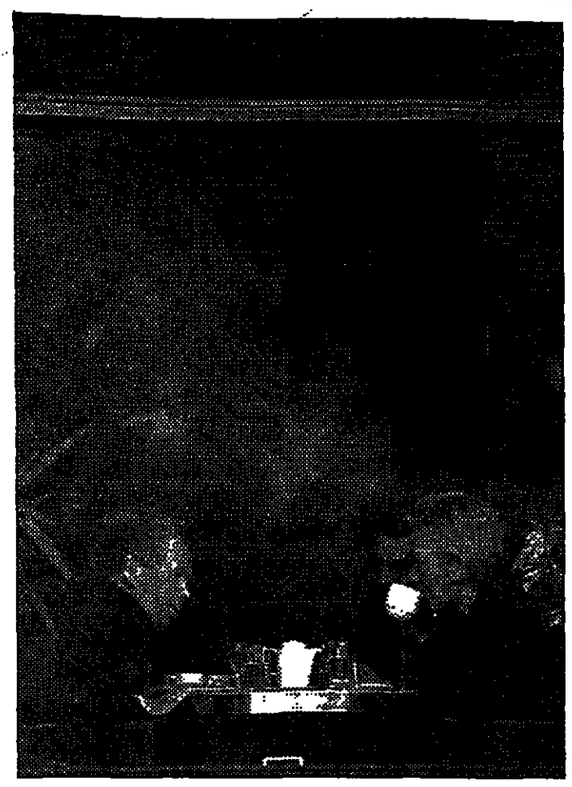
In order to ensure consistency in the process of payment under both procedures, it was recognized by all that the procedures under the Settlement Agreement with Plaintiffs in the Class Action and under the International Commission process should be harmonized.

The Board of Directors of Generali approved both Agreements subject to the acceptance and the endorsement of all parties involved and to the establishment of a coordinated process pursuant to the two. Indeed, Generali's duties towards its shareholders and current assureds do not enable the assumption by it of payments of unspecified and unlimited amounts which do not a rise from existing obligations.

Unfortunately, no agreement was reached between the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and Plaintiffs Counsel and, accordingly, the Settlement Agreement has not come into effect. Pursuant to the Board resolution, Generali has now become a participant in the International Commission process under the Memorandum of Understanding and will follow the procedures to be established by the International Commission.

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Coffee break

US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton (right) sips coffee at the famous Slavia Cafe in downtown Prague with Czech President Vaclav Havel (left) after she addressed the Forum 2000 conference of political and religious activists. (AP)

Wyoming reflects on gay killing

By JULIE CART

LARAMIE, Wyo. – Students at the University of Wyoming, already shocked by the savage beating of a gay student last week, returned to school on Monday to find flags on the leafy campus riding at half mast.

The flags snapping in a cool fall breeze sent a silent signal of more horrid news to the student body.

"I looked up, saw the flags and thought, 'Oh, my God, Matthew's dead,' " said Shannon Rexroat, a senior who edits the campus newspaper.

"The entire campus is in shock and outraged. I teach an orientation class for freshmen. Most of them can't imagine anyone with enough hate in them to do this. Many of their parents sent them here because it is supposed to be so safe."

The death of Matthew Shepard, a popular political science student, left emotions raw in this windswept prairie town. Shepard died early Monday morning at Poudre Valley Hospital, about 100 km. away in Fort Collins, Colo. The 21-year-old had been on life support since he arrived last Thursday with severe head trauma.

Shepard's family, who had traveled from Saudi Arabia to be at his bedside, issued a statement urging parents to hug their children and enjoy every day with them.

Police say Shepard was beaten, lashed to a fence post and left to die by two Laramie men who later espoused anti-gay sentiments.

Authorities said the main motive appeared to be robbery, but indicated Monday that the charges against the two would be upgraded to murder.

Shepard's death brought immediate calls for legislative change both in Wyoming and nationally. President Bill Clinton called the beating an "evil act" and urged Congress Monday to strengthen laws against hate crimes.

That call echoed even more loudly in Wyoming, one of only eight states that does not have a hate crimes law. A bill that would have created extra penalties for criminals who target victims because of their race, religion or sexual orientation died in the state Senate in February.

Many in Wyoming, which proudly calls itself the Equality State because it was the first state to allow women's suffrage, are now looking inward.

State Rep. Mike Massie, a Democrat from Laramie, the who co-sponsored of three unsuccessful "bias crime" bills, said he would try again.

"I hope we recognize the reason for it and call it Matthew's Law – like Megan's Law in New Jersey – so we can have something positive come out of this tragic death."

ON campus, yellow ribbons marked with green circles, signs of sympathy for Shepard, could been seen wrapped around ponytails and tied to backpacks. Many students and faculty were wearing "Straight but not Narrow" buttons. All over, impromptu discussions of attitudes about homosexuality were taking place.

"Is there approval of homosexuality in Wyoming? Absolutely not. Is there social activism against it? No," said Susanna Godwin, director of the university's Ethics Center. "Laramie is a fairly comfortable place to live. So I thought."

Shepard's death coincided with the first day of Gay Awareness Week on the 10,000-student campus. Steve Hassheider and Phil Underwood were working at the table sponsored by the campus' Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Association.

"We've been getting a lot of support around campus," said Hassheider, watching a parade of denim-clad students shuffle past his table in the Student Union. "Last year you could see people veering away from the table, afraid to even be seen near it."

Hassheider was heartened by this reaction but said he and his friends know to be discreet about their sexuality in Laramie.

Underwood, a social work student, worried that the show of support will turn out to be short-lived.

"Our greatest concern is that the authorities in Wyoming are going to back off, saying it is was an isolated incident," he said. "No hate crime bill, no more awareness."

Jeannie Crofts, a 20-year-old student who grew up in Wyoming, said she'd seen gay friends in high school beaten up but never imagined such anti-gay brutality was possible here.

"I think about him out there, tied to a fence for 18 or 20 hours – what was going through his head? It's too terrible for me to even think someone would do that," she said.

Russell Henderson, 21, and Aaron McKinney, 22, were charged with kidnapping, aggravated robbery and first-degree murder, charges that could bring the death penalty.

Two women described as the pair's girlfriends, Kristen Leann Price, 18, and Chastity Vera Pasley, 20, have been charged as accessories after the fact to first-degree murder.

LAST Tuesday night, Shepard attended a meeting of the campus gay and lesbian organization, which was planning Gay Awareness Week. At the meeting, the groups' president told of an incident in which he was harassed near the campus' Fraternity Row and advised students to be careful.

After the meeting Shepard asked a female friend if she wanted to stop at the Fireside Bar, a popular lounge. The friend begged off, saying that she had to study.

At the bar, police said, Henderson and McKinney, both high school dropouts, told Shepard that they were gay in order to lure him outside. They left in McKinney's truck, beating Shepard as they drove.

Once they reached the edge of town, police said, the men lashed Shepard to a wooden ranch fence and continued beating him, smashing his skull with a .357 magnum handgun. Shepard continued to beg for his life until he lost consciousness.

Shepard remained by the side of the road for 18 hours until mountain bikers noticed him.

Police say the men stole Shepard's wallet and shoes. But McKinney's girlfriend told the *Denver Post* that McKinney said Shepard had embarrassed him by making a pass at him in the bar. To get back at the student, McKinney and Henderson decided to take his money. (Los Angeles Times)

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Acre Festival – A 'synagogue' for the secular

By HELEN KAYE

The site itself was a metaphor for this year's Acre Festival, which ended last Thursday.

For 18 of the festival's 19 years, "the lawn" epitomized the spirit of what is still the country's only general theater festival. That great green quadrangle just inside the entrance to the Crusader fortress in Old Acre was always full of sleeping bags, the waft of music and theater-mad teenagers in various stages of cool.

The lawn was also a rendezvous for performers, directors, theater people and theatergoers, sprawled like the kids on the grass, or sitting around the plastic tables that adjoined the snack bar.

This year there were barely any kids, the trees had gone, the lawn was truncated, the tables perched uneasily on what was left, and the beginnings of what is destined to become a flagstoned arcade, part of the Old City's ambitious renewal project, compounded the tenuousness.

Monumental bureaucratic snafus, partisan politics, and a fair degree of posturing on all sides almost sounded the festival's death knell, and its reprieve – the final settling of what had been an NIS 700,000 debt – came a mere month before the festival opened on Monday last week.

It was a smaller festival, with fewer plays and fewer people – although the performances were almost sold out – and less of the excitement that usually characterizes the festival.

For all that, nobody seems to think that the festival has outlived its usefulness.

Theater critic and researcher Dr. Shosh Weitz says that if nothing else, "Acre provides the only opportunity for theater people to meet, whether they are professionals, audience or count themselves part of the theater community.

"This year I met a couple from an isolated Negev kibbutz for whom the yearly trip to Acre provides an opportunity to see theater. They have been coming for 15 years, and now they come with their children.

"I think the encounter is more important than the actual creativity. The theater is a gathering place for the secular public, its synagogue if you will. Nobody asks why there are so many music festivals, but theater – yes."

AT WORST much of the material is irrelevant, pretentious and banal, and the productions are mediocre. At best – and this year's went in the right direction – the Acre Festival "does good theater, initiates and supports the kind of independent and courageous theater that repertory can't do because it's dependent on its subscribers," says the festival's artistic director Roni Ninio.

"This lets the festival take risks too. I can draw on talent from anywhere."

At best the festival is both laboratory and crucible for some of the country's undiscovered and brightest talents, "and look at what has come out of Acre," challenges Ninio, this year's artistic director, and himself an Acre discovery.

He talks of playwright Shmuel Hasfari, director Roni Pinkowitz and this year's undisputed star, 22-year-old Avishai Hadari whose first-prize-winning play, *Rust* (see adjoining story), made waves from its first performance.

"There has to be a dialogue with establishment theater," contends fringe director Freda Refael, who made her Acre debut with the fairly conventional *The Dress Rehearsal*.

"The stronger the fringe, the stronger our culture. There has to be money to develop experimentation, and the Acre Festival allows this."

Its formal title is the Acre Festival of Alternative Theater, but for both Pnina Geri, a former artistic director of the Orna Porat Children and Youth Theater, and actor/director Gil Alon, the "alternative" is fairly irrelevant.

Geri finds the term limiting, saying "what's interesting is the attempt, and the idea that there is a place where young or new writers can get a foot in the door is very important."

"People complained when the festival was nothing but experimental and they complained when it wasn't," says Alon, who was one of the festival's four artistic advisers this year.

"Yes, the stated aim is to do different theater, but as far as I'm concerned the aim is to do theater, and one marvelous show, [or] the discovery of one real new talent, is worth an entire bad festival. I wish we had three or four theater festivals, not just this one."

When Acre started in 1980, the repertory theaters mostly produced only one or two Israeli plays per season, but the festival encouraged original playwriting from the beginning.

Over the years Israeli plays have come to dominate the program, and, as Ninio says, the current preference for local "plays" on repertory stages is part of the fallout.

What would happen if Acre were eliminated? Probably nothing, because "those who have something to say [theatrically] will still find ways to say it," says Alon, a view that is shared by all.

It will just be more difficult and by default, there will be less opportunity, less diversity, less input, so "here, where culture has never been a priority, we don't have the luxury of even asking the question," Alon concludes.



Israel Treistmann, Lilach Caspi (center) and Tal Amir give superb performances in 'Hail to Life.'

Festival focuses on Rabin assassination

Rust, written, designed and directed by Avishai Hadari, commands respect.

First, because it is a subtly thoughtful look at who we are and the speed with which we are going nowhere; second, because the play packs a powerful emotional punch, and last, because it is theatrically compelling. It deservedly received the Acre Festival's Best Production Award.

Yitzhak Rabin's murder was the catalyst for *Rust* as it was for *My Jubilee* and *Happy Birthday*, but Hadari puts that murder both beside and within the context of other horrors: the Holocaust, bus bombings, and the erosion of both verbal and actual significance in the events that surround us here.

He himself plays killer Yigal Amir with a silent intensity that sucks in the rest of his finely tuned, mostly amateur cast. Hadari also won awards for best director, set and costumes.

Haim Marin's *My Jubilee* is a well-acted but glum, charmless collage. It traces the country's 50 years through the eyes of Holocaust survivors and their loser son, and the catalyst is again Rabin's murder. But whereas for Hadari that murder is part of a historical chain, Marin uses it as a cheap trick to manipulate the audience.

Audience manipulation via the murder is also true of *Happy Birthday*, a 20-minute play dragged out to more than an hour by its young collective authorship.

The message of both these plays seems to be that if we would only love one another, such events couldn't happen. However, *Happy Birthday* does have some fine acting to commend it, especially from Sarit Chen as a New-Age flake and Keren Koch as a call-girl with the proverbial heart of gold.

The Cain and Abel story of hatred between brothers is a metaphor for what is happening in our national life. The pity is that nobody sat down and wielded a blue pencil.

Made in Israel parodies the jubilee celebrations, the media, and our national characteristics as red-uniformed commissionaires take the audience on a stroll through history. It's an amiable hour in which the criticism stays good-humored – the sort of show a high school would put on at the end of the year. The high spot is an exhibition of posters and artifacts from the past.

Keren Kayemet 6 is playwright Ben Avner Hecht's first produced play, a straightforward story of a family cowed by a tyrannical father who tries to maintain his reign of terror from his wheelchair when he is literally stricken.

This play's disconnected scenes would also have benefited from some thoughtful editing, because the characters and the events never take on their own identities. Albert Cohen dominates the play as the father. His a-little-too-much-larger-than-life performance won him Best Actor.

The Best Play award went deservedly to Boaz Gaon for *Dress Rehearsal*, a clever, funny allegory about the nature and responsibilities of power and its opposite.

This play was also overwritten but worked, thanks to Freda Refael's fast-paced direction and some nicely understated acting, especially from Avi Hadash in the dual role of Gershon/Mr. A, the dorky son and then the very successful head of a local Murder Inc.

Four superb performers – Israel Treistmann, Tal Amir, Lilach Caspi and pianist Shai Ben-Ya'acov – sensitive and restrained direction, and evocative music made *Hail to Life* as compelling in its own way as *Rust*.

I thought it might share the Best Production Award with *Rust*, but it did at least get a certificate of merit. Hannah Hacohen won the Best Music award for her arrangements and original compositions for the songs. The show is a cabaret compiled from poems and actual cabaret material written by the inmates of Theresienstadt, the Nazis' "show" concentration camp in Czechoslovakia.

The other awards at Acre: Best Actress to Fabiana Meyuhas for her work in the title role of *Before the Bride Chokes*, which also won a special Best Creator prize for playwright Efrat Ben-Yehuda.

Natalie Kanyevsky won the lighting award for her work on *Observing*. Additional certificates went to Saul Besser and Noa Melamed for their music for the same play and to actor Tuvia Gelber in *My Jubilee*. – *Helen Kaye*

How a red devil took control of Russia

By BARRY DAVIS

For all those fascinated by despotism and the monstrous degree of power wielded by tyrants, Channel 8's four-part series on modern dictators is for you. The second offering in the series (tomorrow night at 9:10) features the omnipotent Soviet leader Joseph Stalin.

We are provided with a brief excursion through the social and political conditions in pre-Communist Russia as a precursor to the Bolshevik revolution of 1917. Pock-marked, scratchy archival footage shows the last czar, Nicholas II, and his royal entourage at the races and attending military parades. The czar is plainly ill at ease with the fanfare and, with the wisdom of hindsight, it is obvious that the man's fate had already been sealed.

Public discontent was seething as Lenin and Trotsky set the revolutionary bandwagon in motion. The documentary's panel of experts – including historians, former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, a former Stalin interpreter and a survivor of the notorious gulag prison system – leave us in no doubt whatsoever regarding the guilty part Stalin played.

"He was a satanic leader," states Stalin's biographer Edward Redzinski.

Hoover Institute historian Robert Conquest reopens a debate about the possible relationship between tyrants and personal physical prowess. "He was only 5 feet 4 inches [163 cm.]," says Conquest, "and he was given to wearing wedged shoes to make him look taller."

Stalin's political rise to power was kick-started by Lenin, who recognized a certain primeval single-mindedness in the man that was lacking in a Communist Party largely comprised of intellectuals.

Stalin obviously had no problems with this image and he bolstered it by quickly changing his name from Dzhugashvili to Stalin – "man of steel."

Almost all the Soviet historians featured in the documentary passionately recount the horrors of the Stalinist era.

"Trotsky wanted to be cruel," says Redzinksi, "but Stalin was cruel."

Stalin's big break came in 1922, when he was put in charge of the party secretariat, responsible for hiring and firing – a position of considerable power. But, being a shrewd operator, Stalin knew he had to oust Lenin and Trotsky before he got his hands on the reins of power.

Princeton University Russian historian Steve Cohen tells us that Stalin's rise to absolute power was helped by his colleagues' penchant for bickering over ideological issues. Stalin, it seems, remained focused on his own political career. "He was one of the greatest political operators of the 20th century," says Cohen.

One would probably have to be focused to kill as many Soviets as Stalin in a little under 30 years at the helm. Over 15 million successful farmers ("kulaks") were exiled at the inception of collectivism, the cornerstone of Marxism. Five million Ukrainians died of hunger in the famine that followed the disastrous early years of failed harvest in the 1930s. And the list goes on...

The documentary tells us that many leading social and political figures from the West – including Charles Lindbergh, Anthony Eden and H.G. Wells - were duped into believing that Stalin was a man to be admired.

But Lady Astor proved to be a more astute judge of character, asking Stalin how long he intended to continue killing people. "As long as necessary," came to the unequivocal retort from Stalin. At least in that regard he appeared to be honest.

During World War II, Stalin proved to be somewhat less astute than Lady Astor in picking Hitler for an ally. But then, as the documentary narrator proffers, that's what happens when you suspect that everyone is out to get you – you lose sight of reality.

Viewers with a Monty Pythonesque approach to such programs may have their funny bone tickled by shots of gigantic banners of Stalin being unfurled at his 50th birthday celebrations. They are strongly reminiscent of some of Python animator Terry Gilliam's early sketches of giant inflatable characters wafting gently across the horizon only to be destroyed by an even more massive foot or simply popped by a pinprick.

As is to be expected, the documentary offers very few good words about the man. But Stalin's grandson, Yevgeny Dzhugashvili, speaks with pride about the achievements of the Stalinist era.

Broadway comes to Jerusalem

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

In its ongoing attempt to widen its audience base, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA presents an evening of excerpts from some of America's most popular Broadway musicals.

After the success of last season's *West End – The Concert*, conductor Martin Yates returns to Jerusalem, this time with five Broadway stars, to presents *Broadway – The Concert*, an evening which brings the magic of the musical stage to the concert hall.

Some might argue that musicals have no place in a concert hall; that there is no real connection between the masterpieces of Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Loewe and Stephen Sondheim, and Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart and Verdi.

But this is far from true: The musicals feels as much at home in the concert hall as any Viennese operetta or Gilbert and Sullivan farce. Because though the musical is anchored in its plot, the music still calls for first-rate symphonic playing.

Opera companies all over the world present the occasional musical in their repertoire, since it is always an audience pleaser.

Today's leading opera stars sing musicals on a regular basis, if not on stage, then on disc. And today's musicals are usually sung as if they were operas. In fact, in more than one way, these musicals are today's operas. They are often based on the operas of the past and they use a very obvious operatic language, albeit clad in popular music.

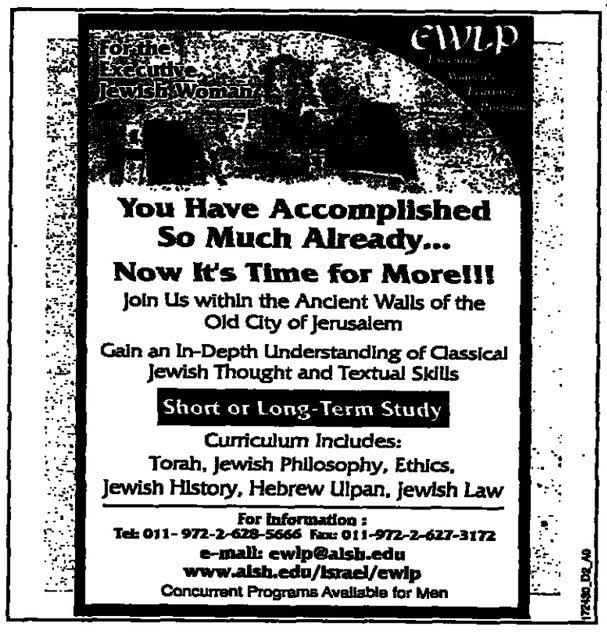
It should be remembered that Leonard Bernstein, one of the most profound composers of our century, felt as much at home both in the Broadway musical world (*Candide* and *West Side Story*) as in the classical concert hall.

Broadway – The Concert will present an amalgam of excerpts from the greatest musicals of all time like *My Fair Lady*, *South Pacific* and *West Side Story*, some numbers by the greatest musical composer of all time, Stephen Sondheim (*Follies*, *Company*) and a look at some more recent works, like *Beauty and the Beast* and *Jekyll & Hyde*.

Each of the five versatile soloists, Debbie Gravitte, Brigid Brady, Emily Skinner, Norm Lewis and J. Marc McVey, will bring his or her own experience from the Broadway stage to the concert hall. And although many might still argue that such a concert is nothing more than a way to appease the lowest common denominator, such a concert is as legitimate as any other program.

This is an opportunity to have great fun for one evening. No one should miss it.

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One way to extend one's potential audience is, of course, by recording. But the major labels are obviously hesitant to record musicians who have not yet become media superstars. This Catch-22 situation leaves many very good musicians out of the public eye – and ear.

But more than a few Israeli musicians have made the effort to record on smaller labels, and, more often than not, it has been worth their while.

The Jerusalem Music Center has taken upon itself to record local musicians and market their discs all over the world. The recent discs from the JMC present young and upcoming Israelis in first-rate recordings.

THE Jerusalem Quartet is slowly but surely establishing itself as one of Israel's leading chamber-music ensembles, if not the top one. And their debut disc (The Jerusalem Quartet, JMC-CD 114) is one of the most exciting discs to have reached the market in the past year.

Their rendition of Beethoven's C major Op. 59 No. 3 quartet is electrifying, showcasing superb ensemble playing by four musicians whose artistry is exhilarating. And the move from Beethoven to Mozart (the D major K.499 quartet) is quite revealing. This is energetic powerful Mozart is quite remote from the so-called authentic school, yet captivating.

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Mendelssohn's *Songs Without Words* are not often performed, let alone recorded, but Daniel Gortler's rendition of these 48 minute gems is exemplary (*Songs Without Words, Mendelssohn Played by Daniel Gortler* JMC-CD 115)

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Last but not least comes the hypnotizing and mesmerizing debut disc of SheshBesh (*SheshBesh* TIP-8888302), the very exciting ensemble comprising flutist Yossi Arnheim, oud player Yair Dalal, double bassist Amir Massarik and percussionist Chen Zimbalista.

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While the forests burn

Though Israel has had to contend with man-made disasters throughout its history, as a country we are blessed with relative freedom from the natural variety. We have no hurricanes, massive floods, tornadoes, or volcanic eruptions, nor are we unusually prone to earthquakes. Each time a snowstorm hits Jerusalem, the authorities remind us that such events are so rare that the expense of specialized equipment cannot be justified to avoid a day or so of inconvenience.

While the stoic approach may make sense with regard to snowstorms, which do not cause lasting damage, the same cannot be said concerning forest fires. As a semi-arid nation, we do not have enormous forests that, in other countries, sometimes burn for weeks before being brought under control. But it is this very lack of natural forests that should motivate us to make extraordinary efforts to protect a scarce national resource. It is an anomaly that a nation that so prides itself on "making the desert green," and for whom planting trees has symbolized the heart of the Zionist enterprise, would allow the task of firefighting to languish from disorganization and neglect.

The inadequate state of the nation's firefighting capabilities is well known and long lamented. The greatest outcry arose after the enormous fire in the Jerusalem Corridor in 1995, which burned about 20,000 dunams (5,000 acres) of forest. As of yesterday, the fires raging in the Mt. Carmel area and elsewhere in the nation for the past three days had claimed over 8,000 dunams.

The commission established to investigate the Jerusalem Corridor conflagration, chaired by Maj.-Gen. (res.) Amos Lapidot, found what almost every report before or since has found: there are too few firefighters and they are poorly trained, equipped, and organized.

Israel has 24 separate firefighting authorities, which are considered municipal or regional services, but are regulated by the Interior Ministry. On different occasions, the government has proposed revising this arrangement along the lines recommended by the Lapidot Commission, namely under a single, national authority. The law has still not been changed.

But even the most rationally organized force needs to be of sufficient size. The rough international standard is one firefighter per 1,000 population. Israel has about 1,200 firefighters, which is one-fifth of this international standard. In many cases, the number of firefighters is much less than is stipulated even by the fire authorities' own stated requirements.

Perhaps the most disturbing of the Lapidot Commission findings, amply illustrated by the fires still being brought under control in the North as of this writing, is that the Fire and Rescue Service is "not equipped to handle large and extensive fires." In fact, the fire authorities do not have any helicopters of their own, but must rely on air force helicopters to do the job. The IDF points out that its helicopters are not designed for firefighting, and that it is not compensated for providing such services.

Forestry experts argue that dry pine forests, as are found in the Carmel and Jerusalem areas, are particularly flammable, and that attempts to put out major fires in such forests from the ground are doomed to failure. These experts argue that the delays caused by the absence of a dedicated aerial firefighting capability mean that fires that could have been brought under control quickly instead cause tremendous damage.

The government has announced that the Interior and Finance ministers will meet in the coming days to find increased funding for the war against forest fires. But while more funding is of course necessary, it is just as important to finally implement the repeated recommendations to reorganize the entire effort. Israel is not such a poor country that it cannot afford a small, professional force of aerial firefighters, with helicopters and airplanes specially equipped for the task. Obviously, a prerequisite for creating such a unit would be establishing a national fire authority, since no single region can or should be responsible for combating major fires.

In the meantime, the politicians and the public can do their part by taking to heart an unpleasant fact: about 90 percent of the fires are not really "natural" disasters at all, but set by people. The police think that some of the fires in the current national epidemic may have been arson with "nationalist" motives. There is no reason to rush to conclusions on this score, as President Ezer Weizman did when he crassly linked the fires with poor treatment of the Israeli-Arab sector. Instead, the president should have used whatever influence he has to urge Israeli campers and smokers – who in any case set more fires through negligence than do anti-Israel arsonists – to be more careful.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ISRAELI IRRIDENTISTS

Sir, – Stan Goodman accuses the Palestinian National Movement of being "irredentist," in his letter "Self-deception" (September 28).

The term "irredentism" came up first in Italy at the end of the nineteenth century, referring to the expansionist precursors of Italian fascism who – not content with the successful creation of the state of Italy – sought to create a "Greater Italy" and annex neighboring territories on the basis of various "historical rights." Later, the term was extended to similar movements in other countries.

Clear for all to see, it is not Yasser Arafat and the movement he heads who are "irredentist." They represent a people, the Palestinians, whose right to self-determination and statehood have not yet been fulfilled, and who now aspire to a state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which are altogether only 20% of Mandatory Palestine.

The true irredentists in the Middle East are to be found among us here in Israel: those (of whom Stan Goodman is evidently one) who are not content with the fulfilment of Jewish national aspirations by the creation of Israel in 1948, nor with the fact that in 1949, the international community recognized Israel within boundaries far wider than those originally envisaged in the UN partition plan.

It is the Israeli irredentists who debase and reduce the Bible to the status of a "real-estate claim" and who seek to deny to the Palestinians any share of the land which our two peoples share.

And the deterioration in Israel's international position is to be directly traced to the prevalence of such irredentist tendencies among the policy-makers in the Netanyahu government.

ADAM KELLER

Holon.

CHAZAN'S MOTIVES

Sir, – Naomi Chazan should have approached the Jerusalem Great Synagogue for a comment prior to writing her article, "Violence and leadership" (October 9). Her "facts" were taken from elsewhere, and I regret that Chazan unfortunately has misled your readers.

On the eve of Yom Kippur, no synagogue officials were in the building. The banqueting hall – leased to an independent contractor – was hosting a *brit mila* to a family unrelated and unknown to the synagogue.

The guard mentioned in the article was not associated with the synagogue, for when the synagogue is not functioning, the security is provided by the hall.

The fact that someone whose aim is to become mayor of the city throws mud on the synagogue – a prime institution in Jerusalem known for its tolerance and open doors for all – without studying the facts, reflects on the integrity and interests of the writer.

It is not the synagogue's behavior that is questionable, it is the motives of Naomi Chazan.

ZALLI JAFFE
Vice president,
The Jerusalem
Great Synagogue.

Jerusalem.

POSITIVE PALESTINIAN REPORTING

Sir, – We hear a lot about our government's demands that Palestinian Television stop transmitting the image of "the ugly Israeli."

In order to enable the Palestinian broadcasters to stop doing so, it is up to the Israeli side to offer the "good news."

That is definitely not provided by the ongoing campaign of demolishing the houses which Palestinians build on their own land and out of their own pocket.

Since military rule does not provide "government-funded housing projects" for Palestinians in the still occupied 70% of the West Bank, and hardly hands out permits, these "emergency self-help building projects" are mostly "illegal."

Proof that Palestinian Television, which shows these facts critically, is not "anti-Israeli" was given on last Saturday night's Palestinian news. In a news item of several minutes, there was a report on the hundred Israelis who came with Uri Avnery to rebuild a demolished house – together with the afflicted Fakkia family and their neighbors – in the village of Katana. No trace of Jew hatred there.

BEATE ZILVERSMIDT

Tel Aviv.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On October 14, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that Egyptian forces had occupied new positions in the Negev and continued an indiscriminate shelling and bombing of Jewish settlements. In Jerusalem Arab snipers fired at persons leaving the Yeshurun Synagogue after the Yom Kippur service. There were [illegible] Arab Legion and the Egyptian forces in the Bethlehem area.

25 years ago: On October 14, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the Israeli thrust into Syria, which broadened into a 21-km. front, remained static. A total of about 130 Syrian and Iraqi tanks were destroyed. The Israel [illegible] 25 enemy planes – 19 Syrian and six Egyptian – bringing to 280 the number of enemy planes destroyed in the first eight days of war.

The US reported that it would start replacing some of the Israeli losses in planes, tanks and other military equipment.

Alexander Zvielli

The big fire



Netanyahu's trump card

DAVID NEWMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has come a long way since his first, muddled year in power. By giving the Foreign Ministry portfolio to Ariel Sharon, and by convincing the National Religious Party to stay in his government even if he goes ahead with the next stage of the withdrawal from the West Bank, he has shown himself to be a master craftsman at his chosen profession – controlling and manipulating the corridors of power.

Netanyahu has played a double winning card. Whatever happens, he wins. If he goes ahead in Washington and, despite Sharon's presence and the continued right-wing opposition, signs a new agreement with the Palestinians, he will have the support of well over two-thirds of the Knesset, including many MKs from his own right-wing camp who had previously threatened to oppose him.

If, yet again, the deal were to fall apart, then his slender right-wing majority will back him to the last MK, should the opposition present a new no-confidence motion. And if the bill for early elections were to be pushed ahead because of his failure to deliver, it is by no means certain that Netanyahu would fall from power. There are simply too many party and personal interests at play, interests which, in the corridors of power, take precedence over the mere signing of a peace agreement.

The key to this political maneuvering has been complex. But it has centered principally on the threat to his government from the extreme Right, the settler movement and the National Religious Party, rather than from the left-wing opposition.

The holiday newspapers were full of adverts and media stunts by the various settler organizations opposed to any further deals with the Palestinians. Despite Netanyahu's statements to the contrary, it is unlikely he is overtly dismayed by such activity. By playing up the vociferous opposition of the settlers and their supporters, Netanyahu is able to show the Clinton administration that his hands are partially tied, that he cannot simply deliver an agreement which would result in the collapse of his government.

It has been the continued pressure from the Right which has also enabled Netanyahu to change the peace discourse during his two years in power. Immediately prior to the 1996 elections, many of the settler groups were, albeit begrudgingly, accepting that further large-scale withdrawal would take place, and that some isolated settlements would have to be evacuated.

By giving the Foreign Ministry to Ariel Sharon and by placating the National Religious Party, Netanyahu has shown himself to be in total control

But the continued opposition of the settler movement during the past two years has been partially responsible for the fact that the current negotiations deal with no more than thirteen percent of the region.

TRUE, they continue to oppose even a thirteen percent withdrawal.

But Netanyahu is well aware of the political pressure cooker within which they operate, and he has successfully sprung the political trap to ensure their continued support, even if he does finally go ahead and undertake the next stage of withdrawal.

Despite their statements to the contrary, it was always highly unlikely that the National Religious Party would ever leave the government for ideological reasons. They have only ever spent one long period of time out of office – from 1992- 1996. During this period, they lost what they had always considered as their divine birthright – the right to control the Religious Affairs Ministry and the Interior Ministry – to Shas. The NRP leaders are far more aware than their settler supporters that should they opt to leave the government, they would be responsible for even further weakening their power base, particularly funding for their educational institutions and political appointees on religious councils.

Not only does Netanyahu understand the political fears of the NRP, he also understands that it is Shas, rather than David Levy and his Gesher faction, that now controls the electoral strings of the Mizrahi population in Israel. Netanyahu is convinced Levy is finished, and no longer offers any threat to the Likud, present or future.

The Foreign Affairs portfolio, kept in storage for Levy's return to government, can now be offered to Sharon. Not only does this mark the political death knoll for Levy in the Likud, it also serves to even further placate the right wing who continue to see Sharon as one of their main champions in government.

Netanyahu has played his cards just right. He has played the internal political fears of the various political parties off against his handling of the peace negotiations.

He knows the NRP will not leave the government and that they will find every public excuse or apology for staying inside. He knows David Levy and Gesher no longer offer a threat to his future electoral chances. And he knows, that there is little real opposition to be expected from the one source it should really come from – namely the Labor Party.

The truth be told, he couldn't have it better.

There goes the neighborhood

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY Jr.

The nomenclatura are moving pretty fast in the direction of – Clinton.

Richard Brookhiser, in *The New York Observer*, spots it with a clean bullet. "The establishment has turned away from impeachment, yet 50 percent of the public, according to polls, believes that if the president perjured himself he should be impeached."

Same journal, same issue, columnist Todd Gitlin, with day-before-yesterday's view of how the pundits were weighing in on Clinton/Lewinsky. "Not only in New York does our nonleading leading journalism inspire dismay. In Copenhagen, where I happened to be when Starr's report was released, journalists at the two leading dailies ... asked me in considerable anguish to explain not only how Starr's inquisition could have gone so far, but why the press was colluding in what they considered this blind and reckless sabotage of the world's lead government."

You want the feel of hard-tow strategic liberal opinion? Have a look at the front section of this week's *New Yorker*. The sound is of James Carville, if he woke up literate. The first editorial subhead is, "Has Starr humiliated us all?" (Answer: Yes.) The byline is, no less, E.L. Doctorow (*Ragtime*), who informs us that every president lies to the American people, that in any case, Clinton's lie "lacks grandeur," and that in Starr, "two powerfully combined illiberal traditions" are at work: "the fundamentalist religious and the political far right," and these have "driven (him) past willfulness to obsession."

On to Cynthia Ozick, who deplores Starr's report as bad literature; Bobbie Ann Mason, who asks, "Shouldn't the punishment fit the crime?" (answer: Yes), to William Styron, who is quite "cruel and indefensible pillory" and of his report's "invincible repulsiveness."

He has singled out the animating monster of it all. He recounts in contrast the happy atmosphere of the recent French court under Mitterrand, where nobody gives a whit that a mistress and bastard child are sitting about; not even, one supposes, the bastard.

"What the French don't possess is the equivalent of the American South, where a strain of Protestant fundamentalism is so maniacal that one of its archetypal zealots, Kenneth Starr, has been able to nearly dismantle the presidency because of a gawky and fumbling sexual dalliance."

And note this, because the movement of elite opinion is very rapid right now: "Absent, too, from the French scene are media with fangs bared to go to work on the presidential throat."

WE have here a problem of an undistributed middle, as the logicians classify it. If the South alone is truly fired up about Clinton, how is it that the "media" in New York are so avid to do the work of the fundamentalist, far-right South?

Where do Styron et al get the impression that the Southerners are uniquely the tricoteuses waiting to see royal blood spill? Well, now, I took the question to Dr. Gallup. And he did a regional poll released on October 7.

Question: Based on what you know at this point, do you think that Bill Clinton should or should not be impeached and removed from office?

South. Yes, should impeach, 32 percent.

How does that question line up elsewhere? Southwest is 32, Midwest is 34, New England is 29, Mid-Atlantic is 27.

In short, there is, statistically, zero difference on the question in the nation at large. The good old libertine Pacific is, at 29 percent, only 3 percent different from the South's 32 percent, which is more latitudinarian than the Midwest's 34 percent.

Brookhiser's finding is the most tantalizing. "If the president perjured himself, 50 percent want impeachment." But he did perjure himself, and that is not the finding of a crazed fundamentalist zealot. It is the finding of six months' research by a battery of lawyers and thousands of pages of testimony.

To question that Clinton committed perjury is more difficult than to maintain the innocence of OJ Simpson. That innocence was proclaimed by a majority of black Americans because OJ is a black American. The innocence of Clinton is asserted because Clinton is a Democratic president popularly elected. Would an impeachment and conviction reverse the will of the people?

"This childish objection," Brookhiser writes, "vanishes with a moment's thought. If Bill Clinton goes, Bob Dole is not shoved in in his place. A lot more people supported the Richard Nixon-Spiro Agnew ticket in 1972 than ever voted for Bill Clinton-Al Gore. Yet by 1975, the president and vice president were Gerald Ford and Nelson Rockefeller, for whom no one had voted. No one, however, spoke of the will of the people being reversed, since they were two Republicans who had duly replaced their crooked Republican predecessors."

But Brookhiser is correct: The opinion leaders are gradually slipping away from reality, with which they are always uncomfortable.

Private labor

RUTHIE BLUM

When 36-year-old Hadija Suad arrived at the Rebecca Sieff Hospital in Safed to give birth to her seventh child, she came equipped with only the standard pregnancy card and a request for a caesarean section. She'd had very difficult deliveries prior to this one – she explained to the staff on duty – and the baby in her belly, by all accounts, was a whopper.

The staff saw no particular reason to heed Suad's plea, however, as nothing in their own examination led them to take the word of a mother of six – one who hadn't even registered to give birth in their ward.

Four hours later, Suad was left with a 9-pound corpse on her hands – one whose head had been tugged off of its body by the attending specialist and assisting obstetrics personnel.

After breaking the tragic news of the newborn's death to the exhausted mother – who had just undergone precisely the kind of delivery she had feared – the medical team stitched the baby's head back onto its body.

Whether this was done in order to cover up the horrific botch-up, as the mourning family believes, or whether it was done in order to allow the baby to be buried with its head, is now up to the courts to decide.

But one thing is certain: shuddering pregnant women all over the country must now be scraping their savings so as to be able to "go private." What they must know in their hearts is that had Suad been a private patient of the obstetrician who delivered her baby, the outcome undoubtedly would have been different.

DISCUSSING the devastating decapitation with a group of women a few days ago, it struck me that there is hardly a mother in Israel who doesn't have at least one anecdote to tell about being dismissed as ignorant, hysterical or as having a low threshold for pain by at least one member of the ob-gyn community. Unless she pays through the nose, that is.

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Then she is given the respect due to the bearer of womb and carrier of fetus that she is. As soon as the few thousand shekels are promised by her to the doctor who is to deliver her baby, all of her observations, fears, complaints and questions are given legitimacy. And following delivery, her postpartum symptoms are given full attention.

One friend recounted the tale of nearly being turned away from the hospital when she arrived to give birth to her second child, since the staff "didn't believe" her small stomach was really a full-term pregnancy. It was not until she "proved" to them that she was indeed in her 40th week, that they even agreed to examine her.

Another told of having her early labor diagnosed as diarrhea – a few hours before delivering a premature baby.

Another recalled being sent home in spite of her sense that her C-section incision was not healing properly. The doctor on duty insisted that she was feeling the "normal pain" women suffer after having a caesarean, and told her to take any over-the-counter pain killer. The next day, this woman ended up back in the emergency room with a raging fever and roaring infection.

And then there is my own story. After remembering my previous experiences with Kupat Holim-funded deliveries, I decided to splurge on a private doctor to deliver my twins.

When the time came to give birth, it was the middle of a Friday night, and I ended up being taken by ambulance to the hospital. When we pulled up to the entrance of the maternity ward, the driver rang the intercom and told the midwife on duty to open the door.

She refused. "I've got a high-risk pregnancy here!" he argued. "Let her walk around to the front," she retorted. Left with no choice, I waddled, doubled over, the extra few hundred meters.

When I entered and announced that I was a private patient of Dr. L—'s, her entire demeanor changed. From that moment on, until I exited the hospital three days later, I was treated like someone with a head on my shoulders.

Had poor Hadija Suad been able to afford private care, her

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Returning children to the wonder of nature



By Ruth Mason

"It is not so important to know as to feel" when introducing children to the natural world, Rachel Carson wrote in *The Sense of Wonder*.

In his classic little book, *Sharing Nature with Children*, naturalist Joseph Cornell gives us the tools with which to feel the wonder and awe that "the unutterable beauty of a blossom" or the "grace of a high-flying bird" can evoke.

The world our children live in is becoming more and more mechanized, more and more overpopulated, more and more consumer-oriented. Ask youngsters about their favorite activities, and you'll most likely find they involve machines like televisions and computers.

Children are missing out on the critical experience that spending time in untamed nature can bring: a sense of the mystery of life, the majesty of nature and the smallness of humanity.

To help introduce our children to nature and recapture some of what has been lost, Cornell compiled a book of 42 games where nature is the teacher and we are all her students.

You can play these games with your family, or at a child's birthday party. It's cheaper – and far better – than hiring a clown!

Cornell offers five principles to help channel the penchant for mischief into something more constructive:

1. Teach less, share more. Rather than giving children facts about a tree or a mountain, tell them how it makes you feel, what it arouses in you.
2. Be receptive. Listen to children, and be aware of their reactions. Respect a child's thoughts, curiosity and exclamations, and use them as opportunities to communicate.

Tune in to what's happening in nature around you. "Something exciting or interesting is almost always happening," Cornell writes.

3. Focus the child's attention without delay. Involve everyone by asking questions and pointing out interesting goings-on.
4. Look and experience first; talk later. Look at ordinary things with close attention. Feel and smell a tree's bark and leaves; let children use their natural capacity to become absorbed in things.
5. A sense of joy should permeate the experience. Let your own enthusiasm show – it will be contagious.

Here are some games to play.

• Meet a tree. Divide into pairs and blindfold your partner. Lead your partner through a forest or grove and up to a tree.

Help your partner explore the tree by asking questions and giving instructions such as, "Feel the tree"; "rub your cheek against the bark"; "Can you put your arms around it?" "Can you find plants growing on it?"

Then lead your partner back to where you began. Remove the blindfold and see if he or she can find the tree.

• Duplication. Prepare by gathering 10 commonly found objects such as stones, seeds, pinecones or leaves. Place them on one handkerchief and cover them with another. Tell the children that you will lift the cloth for 30 seconds, and that they should try to remember everything they see. Then send them out to find the same objects.

After five minutes, call them back. With a flourish, pull the objects out from under the handkerchief one at a time, and see how many children have found that particular object.

• What animal am I? Pin a picture of an animal on a child's back and show it to the other children. Have the child guess what animal he or she is by asking the children questions they can answer only with yes, no or maybe.

• Heartbeat of a tree. Did you know that you can hear a tree's "heartbeat" with an ordinary stethoscope? The best time for this experiment is early spring, when trees begin sending sap up their trunks to their branches.

Choose a tree with a thin bark whose trunk is at least 15 cm. in diameter. Press the stethoscope firmly against the tree, keeping it motionless. You may need to try different places on the tree. When you succeed, you'll hear a crackling, gurgling sound. Have kids compare the sound with their own heartbeats.

• Nature scavenger hunt, a variation on the classic game. Be sure to collect only things that can be returned without damage.

Some examples for your list: a feather; exactly 100 of something; a thorn; three different kinds of seed; something round, and something fuzzy.

Then you could get five pieces of litter; something perfectly straight; something beautiful; something that makes a noise, and something white. Finally, collect something that reminds you of yourself – and then collect a big smile!



(Sarit Uzlely)



(Israel Sun)

Closeness to an animal evokes a sense of the beauty and mystery of life.

Carpetbagger with a cause – saving infants' lives

Cindy Loose tells the story of a stubborn grandmother with few resources but an iron will who has realized her dream of a Washington birthing center that will be 'an escape hatch from despair'

To explain how she came at age 71 to be opening a birthing center in a poor District of Columbia neighborhood, Ruth Lubic first has to tell about the things that have been bothering her for decades.

The sickly babies she saw in tenement houses during a nurse-midwife career that began in 1961. The child sitting on the floor of a Mississippi sharecropper's cabin, covered with flies, her hair reddened by malnutrition.

That visit to Mississippi was 30 years ago, but Lubic still cries when she quotes the state health official who told her not to worry so much, "some Negroes got red hair."

When the phone call came five years ago telling her she'd won a MacArthur "genius grant," she knew right away what she would do. She would come to the nation's capital and build a model of infant mortality prevention.

Never mind that she was a white-haired grandmother from New York City, a carpetbagger without a building, or millions to run such an operation, or staff, or permits, or city connections. She did have her MacArthur grant of $75,000 a year for five years; she had the power of her convictions.

And she's actually pulling it off.

This month, the new nonprofit she formed began a $1.2 million renovation of an empty supermarket donated by John Hechinger Sr. and his family partnership. The D.C. Developing Families Center will open on Benning Road NE across from a Hechinger-developed mall in early spring.

For the price of a hospital delivery, she and her partners can deliver a baby, offer a wealth of services to the mother, and nurture the child for three years.

Although it is a far commute from her life and home on Manhattan's Upper West Side, Washington was an easy choice for Lubic. The city's infant mortality rate of 14.4 per 1,000 – double the national average – "has always been on my professional conscience," Lubic said. Besides, a center here would be only a cab ride away for policy-makers who might be persuaded to replicate the model nationwide.

AT a time of life when even the most driven type-A personalities are slowing down, Lubic took on one of her biggest projects ever. Those who have come into her path describe her as single-minded, forceful. She calls herself a "stubborn old woman."

Asked why she would take on what seemed an impossible task, she answered: "People are used to the idea that Ruth is a little crazy. But I'm the age I am, I've had my career, I've been honored and all that. I have nothing to lose."

Soon after being awarded the MacArthur grant, Lubic quit her job as director of the Maternity Center Association in Manhattan. She and her husband took turns flying between cities for visits. She settled in an apartment in Southwest Washington and launched her assault.

Hechinger still seems amazed that he let Lubic talk him out of the building and 1.2 acres of property – land he had planned to develop. He gave it up only after Lubic had badgered him and his real estate

solid years.

"We both told her over and over again it would never, never, ever happen," Garibaldi said. "We explained this was our business entity, that as individuals we give charitable contributions, but this is our business here." But Lubic wore them down.

"She can soften you up because she's so intellectually and emotionally sure of the rightness of her cause," Hechinger said. "When she's through with you, you have this guilt feeling. Plus you're shocked at the statistics which prove she's right."

WHILE she was working on Hechinger, Lubic also was banging on doors all over town.

"The women we'll reach have been put down and let down their whole lives," she would say. "The doors of this building are going to be an escape hatch from despair."

She haunted the hallways of the Department of Health and Human Services, and gained a chance encounter with Secretary Donna E. Shalala. Through a friend of a friend, she wrangled a meeting with former HHS secretary Louis W. Sullivan. Over breakfast, she turned him into a major fund-raiser who helped her match a $785,000 grant within a three-month deadline.

Over the course of the years, people mighty and small fell under the spell of her vision.

As Hechinger put it, "I personally was a victim of her strongest characteristic: tenacity. She's a bulldog who envelops you in the rightness of her cause."

Thick wire cables dangled in the dark, empty shell boarded up with plywood. Glass crackled underfoot as fellow visionary Delores Farr walked a few paces and paused. "I want you to know I'm standing in my office," she said.

"Your office is closer to that window, isn't it?" Lubic asked, pointing toward a blank concrete wall.

Down there on one end, where the store's dairy section once was located, will be the entrance for pregnant women coming for delivery or pre- or postnatal care.

Women needing social services and day care will enter on the other side. High-risk patients will deliver at Howard University Hospital, where nurse-midwives will have admitting privileges.

It's not surprising that Lubic and Farr can visualize in the dark shell a bright center bustling with patients and clients. Both could see it in their minds before they'd even identified a site.

IN 1994, a friend told Lubic that she should look up Farr, director of the Healthy Babies Project, a private nonprofit group.

Farr and her workers walk the



For Ruth Lubic, shown right at a Healthy Babies Project clinic in Washington, the impossible really does take just a little longer. (Washington Post)

They visit crack houses, liquor stores, beauty shops – anywhere they might find a pregnant woman and persuade her to get prenatal care. They offer parenting classes, counseling, help with obtaining addiction treatment. Lubic's birthing center, Farr agreed, would be a perfect place to relocate.

"Meeting Ruth was like a dream come true," Farr said. "We immediately saw eye to eye on the needs and issues. We've been joined at the hip ever since."

There were so many obstacles – getting a place and raising millions of dollars was just the start. They needed all kinds of permits from D.C. health officials, building officials, zoning officials. They needed assurances of Medicaid reimbursement, legal help, partnership with a hospital.

People told them it would never happen. You can't even get potholes around here fixed, they said.

But they kept on pushing with the plan. They will get to pregnant women early through the Healthy Babies outreach. The birthing center, Lubic hopes, will give women more control over their pregnancies. And because birthing center deliveries cost 30 to 60 percent less than hospital deliveries, she said, the savings could help fund other services.

Lubic persuaded city officials to designate her still-imaginary center as a future welfare-to-work site. Still, they would need day care for the clients for whom they found jobs.

So in 1996, Lubic and Farr met with Travis Hardmon, of the National Child Day Care Association. At that point, the center lived only in their imaginations, but how would he feel, they asked, about organizing child care for infants and toddlers?

"His eyes lit up," Lubic said. "Since then, he's been the answer to a maiden's prayer." Hardmon secured reinforcements in the battle to get the Hechinger property. He brought in Bill Davis, a project manager with nonprofit development experience, and "things then really started coming together," Lubic said.

While the Hechinger family considered various proposals at quarterly meetings, Lubic landed planning grants from two national foundations and an anonymous donor.

The first big breakthrough came about a year ago, when city officials discovered that millions in unspent grants were about to revert to the federal government unless quickly allocated.

"We ran like crazy" to put together a proposal, Lubic said. The city awarded $785,000 on the condition that the money be matched within a few months – a seemingly impossible goal. But Sullivan, the former HHS secretary, soon became the second answer to a maiden's prayer.

Sullivan, now president of the Morehouse School of Medicine, had agreed to a friend's request to meet with Lubic and was "immediately impressed," he said.

He contacted a friend at Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Dick Thompson, who secured a donation from his company. Thompson then got his friends at other drug companies to arrange corporate donations.

Sullivan said a lawyer friend set up a meeting for him with Katharine Graham, chairman of the executive committee of The Washington Post Co. Two foundations set up in honor of her parents and husband donated a total of $100,000. Lubic's former employer in New York kicked in another $100,000, law firms helped, and the match was made.

A $1.2 million grant awarded last month by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will help with operating costs.

The building donated by the Hechinger family came with a contingency clause – that Lubic would run the center for at least three years. "I laughed when I heard the condition and answered, 'God willing,'" Lubic said.

Her son, Douglas, a New York lawyer, said Hechinger can count on Lubic to persevere.

"The day she stops working for what she believes is right," he said, "will be the day she dies."

(Los Angeles Times)



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Gardener's Corner



How contained glory can brighten the great indoors

By Batsheva Mink

Gardening in pots and containers has become both a trend and a necessity, as more and more people live in apartments or have gardens so small that plants have to be grown in containers. But there are many attractive solutions for the determined gardener with a creative spirit.

Plants have been grown in decorative containers for thousands of years. We know that the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans grew aromatic plants in clay pots.

In southern Spain during the early part of the millennium, the Moors created wonderful intimate gardens using many kinds of containers. In Britain, illustrated manuscripts of the early 12th and 13th centuries, show pots of herbs for medicinal purposes, growing in palaces and monastic gardens.

In the 15th century, ornamental gardens were inspired by the Italians. Their containers were made of stone and lead.

Then, in the 17th century, came the craze for emulating Mediterranean plantings. Citrus trees in large containers were grown in hothouses during the colder months, were wheeled out to spend the summer months in the open and were returned to the hothouse as winter approached.

The Victorians paid much attention to the design of the container, creating elaborate designs in many different materials.

Today, specially designed containers can be bought to fit almost any awkward space, such as a window recess, stairway, terrace or balcony.

Hanging baskets can swing around the front door and also be attached to the walls. If you have only a doorway, this too can be filled with hanging baskets draped above the doorway and on either side.

Window boxes are especially suited to the apartment dweller. They are easy to look after and can be enjoyed from both inside and outside. They are also an option for those who find it difficult or impossible to bend or dig.

It is essential to consider your window's position when choosing your plants. There are plants to suit shady spots, such as under an awning or porch; dry sunny sites; windy spots, and warm, sheltered areas.

Another important point to consider is whether you want the box to be seen or be covered by plants. If you want it hidden, remember to include a few trailing plants in the arrangement e.g. lobelia, ivy or alyssum. A decorative window box can be used to enhance the brick or paintwork of the house or the style of the window.

PLANTS can be grown in virtually anything that holds soil – even large tin cans, provided there are drainage holes. An attractive holder adds a great deal to the appearance of the display, but you have to assure that the pot or box fits the plants to be used and the conditions of your area.

Most plants are easy to grow. Water, fertilizer, a good potting mix with some added volcanic stone for drainage meet the requirements of most plants.

Ready-made soil mixtures are available, but you can try mixing your own. A good general mixture consists of three parts soil, two parts peat moss (Heb: *kavul*) and one part fine sand or volcanic rock (Heb: *tuf*) Don't forget to add some slow-release fertilizer to the mixture, according to the directions on the packet.

Because container gardening is essentially unnatural, these plants depend on their owners for a little more care and attention than those planted in the ground. This is because plants growing in a regular garden can send their roots out far and wide to search for food and moisture.

Regular watering is important. The soil should never be allowed to dry out completely. If it is a peat-based mixture, you will find it very difficult to wet, because dry peat moss repels water.

Fertilize every four months with a slow-release fertilizer or dilute a general fertilizer (20-20-20) in water and apply every 10 days. Remember never give any plants fertilizer if the soil is dry; water it first.

Cutting away dead flowers helps to prolong flowering. If you want to collect the seeds, leave a few flower heads to ripen. It's amazing how well plants settle in as long as they are planted correctly.

It is not always wise to buy the plant with the most flowers. It is more important to choose one with a strong root system. Generally, a few roots growing through the bottom of the pot is a good sign, but an excessive number of roots sticking out is best avoided.

Look for strong-growing stems and shoots. If they are bearing flowers it's fine, but make sure the plant is on the bushy side, rather than tall and leggy.

To ensure plants bush out and become strong enough to bear many flowers, pinch out their growing tips by about 2 cm. at an early stage to ensure good branching habits. Antirrhinums and marigolds are especially enhanced if the tips are pinched out.

Small trees and shrubs, like a palm tree (Heb. *dekel*) offer height and a central focal point in a container garden. The smaller ponytail palm (*Beaucarnea recurvata*) and the dragon tree (*Dracaena marginata*) look lovely with other, smaller plants around them.

Dwarf fruit trees are even more attractive when they produce fruit. Miniature fig, peach, orange (kumquat) and lemon (limquat) trees have recently come on the Israeli market.

If you prefer a low-maintenance box try mixing a group of evergreens together, like ivy, conifers, euonymus, dwarf lavender, and silver leaf senecio.

Remember to account for the seasons. Spring plants mixed with a few bulbs can be very effective. These are usually planted in the autumn months. For a winter display, the bright colors of dwarf tulips, anemone, crocus and daffodils are very welcome on a dull day.

A few cyclamen plants can always be relied on to give plenty on color during the late autumn, winter and springtime.

Plants that are suitable for planting in container gardens during the autumn are fuchsia, daffodil, hyacinth, anemone, freesia, crocus, phlox, schizanthus, ivy, pansy, primrose, camellia, mimulus, stocks, tulips, godetia and begonia in warmer parts of the country.

In larger containers, try to combine sweet william, foxglove, wallflowers, ranunculus and all the spring bulbs, including lilies.

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Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, POB 3943, Jerusalem 91039.



It's easy to achieve a riot of color in your container: Water, fertilizer and a good potting mix with some added volcanic stone for drainage meet the requirements of most plants.



TIP OF THE WEEK

If you have a problem with soil mixture and/or perlite blowing over your terrace floor after it dries out, spread 2-3 cm. of volcanic stone (Heb: *tuf*), over the surface between the plants. This secures the mix and stops it blowing away.



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by Shmuel Katz

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Heads 'N' Tails



The ins and outs of dog doors and cat access

By D'vora Ben Shaul

One of T.S. Eliot's most entertaining poems is about the cat that was "always on the wrong side of the door."

This situation is only too familiar to pet owners, because most of us have a dog or a cat that *always* appears to be in this position.

If they are in, they want out. If they're out, they want in. We feel like we're devoting half our energies to serving as doormen for our pets.

The usual suggestion, when this all gets to be too much, is a pet door. But what kind?

A doorway access flap has its drawbacks. Most people find that neighborhood dogs and cats rapidly learn of this access to the riches of home living and make no bones about utilizing it.

It is true that dog doors are less of a problem than cat accesses, because most dogs still possess enough territorial instinct to repel intruders, canine or feline. In fact, dogs can easily make the distinction between "our cats" and "other cats."

This is not always true of cats. They may well make the distinction – but can seem, at times, to be actually inviting friends home for lunch!

All the commercial dog and cat accesses available have their individual drawbacks.

Pet Port, for example, is a circular porthole with folded neopyrene sheeting, somewhat like the airlock on incubators or sterile chambers. It opens easily if you press it at the center.

This is supposed to be a good solution because a strange animal, unaccustomed to the system, will not understand just how it opens. But setting one's own pets to



It's a real yawn when you're hungry for lunch and there's no one home to let you in. (Alon Rou)

much, and after fruitless hours of dangling baits and cooing words of encouragement one tends to give up.

EVERYWHERE in the US and Europe, you can buy a pet access port that is locked by an electromagnet. Only an animal wearing the access key on its collar can open the port.

If an animal with the key approaches within 30 centimeters the animal has passed through and is a good 30 centimeters beyond, whereupon the port closes.

It sounds great, until you realize that the collar contains a fairly strong magnet that works all the time.

This is really not a problem with dogs, since they generally remain on the floor. But in any number of cases a cat, prowling about on desk-tops and work tables, has caused enormous damage.

afternoon, managed, by her insistent prowling and napping, to erase two boxes of floppy discs, put three glitches in a hard drive and totally invalidate the date, time and redial of a fax machine. All because she was innocently exposing these materials to her magnet.

So, as they say, we pay our money and take our choice.

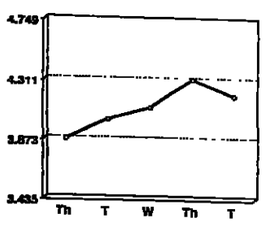
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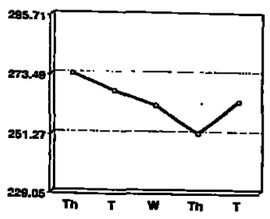
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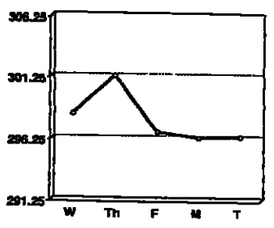
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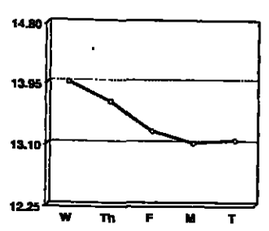
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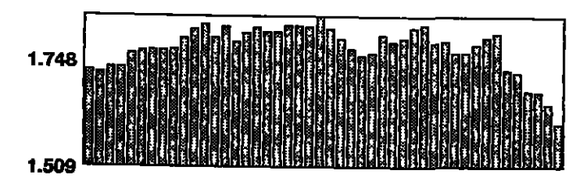
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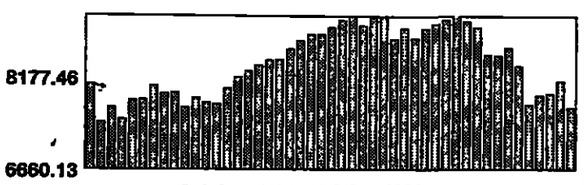


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EL AL duty free sales up 46%

Sales of duty free goods on El Al flights increased 46 percent to $7.7 million during the first half of the year compared to the same period last year, the company reported yesterday. Sales are also showing signs of improvement during the second half, according to a statement from the company. *David Zev Harris*

Ya'acobi to call for regional electric grid

Israel Electric Corporation chairman Gad Ya'acobi will today call for the establishment of a Middle East electricity network and a regional power market, according to the IEC. Ya'acobi will recommend such a step when he addresses the Prime Minister's Jubilee Business Summit. The results of a regional peace will include a better power supply, particularly with the purchase of natural gas from Egypt, according to Ya'acobi. *David Zev Harris*

Yozma II raises $70 million

Yozma II Venture Capital yesterday announced that it has completed the first round of financing by raising $70 million. The company said that it intends to raise more money in coming months. The fund will invest in companies which have reached the advanced or final stages of product development. Yozma also intends to invest in seed companies in communications, medicine, and software. The fund has invested some $10m. so far. Yozma was formed by Poalim Capital Markets, the Ofer Group, and Yigal Erlich. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Siemens to open R&D center in PA

Siemens, the German electronics giant, said this week it is to open the first international research and development center in the Palestinian Authority. The center in Ramallah is to be a joint venture between Siemens Data Communications, based in Karmiel, and the Ramallah-based Hi-Tek Engineering.

The venture will be launched by Siemens CEO and president Heinrish Pierer on Friday.

The Peace Technology Fund, launched by PA Chairman Yasser Arafat and former prime minister Shimon Peres last May, is considering participating in the project, which is to be based on 13 Palestinian engineers who were trained over the past 18 months at the Karmiel center. The Palestinian center is to specialize in R&D in the telecom and datacom industries, mainly for Siemens Information and Communications Group. *Nina Gilbert*

Tomato prices down 30%-40%

The recent decision to allow the temporary import of tomatoes has resulted in a 30%–40% drop in prices. The price of choice tomatoes dropped from NIS 9 to NIS 6, while lower quality tomatoes dropped from NIS 6 to NIS 3.5, according to the Agriculture Ministry.

The ministry allowed the duty free import of 500 tons of tomatoes, mostly from Holland, due to a sudden boost in prices. The imports can continue until October 25. *Nina Gilbert*

Mutual funds assets drop 2% in September

Nervous trading on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange led to a 2% drop in September in total assets of mutual funds, according to a report published yesterday by Meitav Securities and Investments. Funds' assets fell to NIS 25.9 billion from NIS 26.4b. a month earlier. The decline is attributed to an average negative yield of 0.9% and redemptions of another NIS 343 million. Meitav experts note that the public moved from funds specializing in stocks and shekel-linked bonds to foreign currency and CPI-linked bonds. This led to a sharp decline in funds' holdings in stocks, which fell to only 22.2% of all investments, the lowest since January 1990. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Sharansky tells 'Post:'

'Depreciation will spur growth'

By NINA GILBERT

The depreciation of the shekel will help spur economic growth through better terms for exports and thus may result in a reduction in unemployment, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said yesterday.

"We have to appreciate the depreciation," Sharansky told *The Jerusalem Post*. "Finally there is a correction. I think it is good for our export-oriented industries, which is the basis of our growth. This influences 95 percent of the factories which are creating new jobs."

Sharansky said he believes the depreciation – which has resulted in a 10 percent decline in the value of the shekel against the dollar since late August – will help create more jobs, due to lower labor costs. He noted that low-tech industries were especially harmed by the strong shekel, since their products have low added value compared with high-tech.

At the same time, Sharansky acknowledged that things are difficult amid the global economic turmoil. "I don't want to look optimistic in spite of it all. Someone said that Israel is an island of stability in a world of chaos. This is a dream for the next world. It cannot be like this. After all, we built ourselves as part of globalization.

"We are actively building ourselves as part of the global economy. So now to say that when there is growth, we are part of the world and we are enjoying it, and when there is a crisis, we are an island. This is not so," he said.

However, Sharansky said he believes that Israel is in a better position than many other countries because of its healthy infrastructure, since its exports are based on innovation and a creative labor force, while at the same time it has free trade agreements with the US and Europe.

He said that the fact that Israel's exports are mainly built on using comparative advantage, including its educated and skilled labor force, gives the economy an element of stability at times of difficulty in different markets. "Our strategy is that we are not in a hurry to leave all of these [problematic] markets, including Russia and South Korea." He noted that crisis may create new opportunities for if Israeli industry.

Asked why investors would want to invest here at a time when money is being pulled out of emerging markets, Sharansky said: "Investments in growing markets are becoming more problematic. But Israel still looks like a much better place than most of the growing markets."

He noted that in 1998, venture capital investments increased. "Every few weeks there is some foreign company making some big purchase here. So I don't see this phenomenon that everyone is saying that now the investments will start running away from Israel. I don't think it is necessarily true.

"Attempts to keep money, equipment, or people here by force are absolutely impossible. Money is invested in Israel, in most cases, because of interest in technological ideas, and in a big part is staying here."

He said investors would continue to invest in innovative products, not just in high-tech.

Sharansky also said that as the peace process strengthens, it will give a boost to regional economic cooperation and foreign investment. "An investment in Israel is an investment in the entire region," he said. "There are many investors who want to invest in Karni and also in the Middle East."



Indonesians protest unpaid loans

Indonesians demonstrate against bankers outside Jakarta's Finance Ministry yesterday. The protesters demand the government take stern measures against bankers who fail to repay the debt provided by the central bank, Bank Indonesia, to help their troubled institutions. (Reuters)

Merrill Lynch reports 3rd-qtr net loss

By LISA KASSENAAR

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) – Merrill Lynch & Co. said third-quarter earnings fell 75 percent from a year ago as tumbling global markets caused trading losses and the firing of 3,400 employees.

The biggest US brokerage firm said profit from operations fell to $124 million, or 28 cents a share, from $502 million, or $1.24 a share, in the same period a year ago. The company took a $288 million charge for dismissing 5.2% of its staff and reported a net loss of $164 million, or 42 cents a share, the first quarterly loss since late 1989.

The results were lower than the average of 48 cents a share analysts forecast in a First Call Corp. survey. Earnings in the securities industry tumbled from records in the first half after Russia defaulted and devalued its currency, sending other markets plunging.

Firms including Goldman Sachs Group LP, Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Inc. reported lower profits for the quarter. "Everything was shut off in August and September," Goldman analyst Richard Strauss said before the report.

Merrill said it expects to save $500 million through the job cuts and other changes. The firm is also cutting 900 full-time consulting positions. "We anticipate a much more challenging environment ahead," Chief Executive David Komansky and President Herbert Allison said in a statement.

The firm, which had about 65,000 employees before the cuts, said net revenue fell 7% to $3.85 billion. The revenue, after interest expense, declined 21% from the second quarter, the record period for earnings.

Revenue from principle transactions, or trading for Merrill's own account, fell 71% to $279 million. The firm said last month that it had a trading loss of $135 million from emerging markets.

IAI, Boeing to sign strategic accord

By STEVE RODAN

The Boeing Co. and Israel Aircraft Industries Ltd. plan to sign a strategic agreement tomorrow to pursue joint ventures in a wide range of military and civilian fields.

Executives from both companies said yesterday the agreement will create a 14-member executive steering committee, chaired by Boeing President and Chief Operating Officer Harry Stonecipher and his IAI counterpart, Moshe Keret.

At a news conference at IAI headquarters outside Ben-Gurion Airport, Keret and Stonecipher reviewed the 30 year relationship between their companies. They said the strategic agreement will elevate links from the level of individual divisions to that of the corporate leadership.

"We said let's have an overarching approach," Stonecipher said. "We now have a formal process to pursue future opportunities and areas of cooperation that will further the strategic interests of both parties."

IAI executives said the agreement will enable their company to expand significantly its cooperation with Boeing's commercial aerospace operations. Until the merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas last year, IAI, as well as most of the Israeli defense companies, was focused on the St. Louis-based McDonnell, manufacturer of the F-15 combat jet.

"Now that the operations of the two companies have been united, we have large-scale work relations, agreements and joint ventures with Boeing in both the military and civilian areas," Keret said. "The strategic agreement that our two companies will enter during this visit will reinforce the current operations and will create numerous future opportunities, which we welcome."

Boeing and IAI are engaged in about $100 million worth of business, executives said. This includes the joint upgrade of the US Air Force's T-38 Talon jet trainer and IAI's supply of subsystems for the F-15I purchased in 1994 and delivered this year.

Earlier this year, Boeing and IAI's MBT division signed an agreement for the Israeli company to provide subsystems for satellites and ground control stations for the Ellipso communications system. IAI executives said the contract has a potential value of more than $150 million.

The agreement comes during what is being termed as the last lap of the competition between Boeing's F-15I and Lockheed Martin's F-16 to become the next US combat jet for the Israel Air Force. A decision is expected by the end of the year.

During his appearance at IAI, Stonecipher, who hours later met with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, was cautious not to tout the F-15I. But he maintained that the Boeing-IAI agreement was not dependent on whether his company wins the IAF competition. Mordechai also met with Lockheed Martin chairman Vance Coffman

"This is not a relationship built on specific products," Stonecipher said.

Sharon outlines '99 road projects

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Construction of a new road to Jerusalem, an eastern ring road for the capital, and links to the Trans-Israel Highway will begin during the coming year, according to Foreign Minister and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon.

Sharon, recently appointed foreign minister, has been given an additional three months in the infrastructure post to push through as many projects as possible before he concentrates solely on his new job.

The road-building program became possible after the cabinet approved Sharon's demands for extra spending for 1999, granting NIS 500 million more than this year as a result of pressure from Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

During yesterday's cabinet debate, meanwhile, Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom said Israel must demand $1 billion from the United States to fund bypass roads that will be needed in the event of a further redeployment in the territories. This call was backed by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

Among Sharon's projects for 1999 are:

- Route 45, a new road into Jerusalem, which will enter the city from the north;
- the eastern section of the ring road around the capital;
- roads connecting to the Trans-Israel Highway, which will be simultaneously under construction – initially, roads will be built from Gedera (Route 7), the Ayalon highway, and Route 551;
- widening the Route 90 stretch from the Mahanayim to Amiad junction, Route 75 from the Nahalal to Yishai junction, Route 1 from Ben-Gurion Airport to the Ben-Shemen interchange, Route 453 from the Navlat to El Al junction, and Route 35 from the Berechya to Plugot junctions;
- resurfacing Route 38 between Beit Guvrin and Shoket junction;
- building a bridge at Bnot Ya'acov and at various locatipns in the Arava.
- building several bypass roads in Judea and Samaria and resurfacing the Trans-Samaria Highway.

These plans are in addition to the completion of dozens of projects begun this year or earlier.

Russia to offer new dollar bonds to foreigners

MOSCOW (Bloomberg) – Russia likely will offer new dollar-denominated bonds to foreign holders of 281 billion rubles ($18b.) of debt the government defaulted on in August.

A proposal being considered would allow foreign bondholders to exchange defaulted debt for new longer term bonds denominated in dollars, said central bank Chairman Viktor Gerashchenko. The option won't be available to Russian bondholders. The new bonds wouldn't begin to pay interest for at least three years.

The government's proposal signals a change in Russia's approach as it faces a cash crunch. By giving foreign investors preferential treatment over domestic creditors, Russia may hope to regain its ability to borrow billions of dollars abroad to avoid a collapse of its economy.

"The feelings of foreign investors are important for us because that would help us to hold talks about our external debt and these big sums that must be repaid by Russia in the next two years," Gerashchenko said.

The terms of the arrangement will be announced at the end of the month, Gerashchenko said. The new restructuring terms will arise from negotiations with foreign bondholders.

The central bank also appears to be advocating that Russian banks pay their debts to foreign investors by giving them stakes in the banks.

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BUSINESS SCENE By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Amnon Ben-Shmuel, director-general of The Book Publishers Association of Israel, has written to Jordanian ambassador **Omar Rifai** protesting the fact that Israel's ambassador to Jordan **Oded Aran** and members of the BPAI were expelled from the recent book fair in Amman. The letter to Rifai acknowledges that the unfriendly act was not perpetrated by the Jordanian government, but at the initiative of Ben-Shmuel's Jordanian counterpart. Ben-Shmuel reminds Rifai that a delegation of Jordanian publishers was welcomed at the Israeli book fair in Rabin Square in Tel Aviv. As a goodwill gesture and proof that Israel harbors no hostility toward Jordan, Ben-Shmuel has invited Rifai to the upcoming 60th anniversary celebrations of the BPAI.



Omar Rifai (David Rubinger)

It is not yet certain whether Prime Minister **Binyamin Netanyahu** will spend a whole week in the US deliberating with Palestinian Authority Chairman **Yasser Arafat**, but if hammering out agreements at their summit meeting with US President **Bill Clinton** takes longer than anticipated, Clinton will have to excuse himself to attend the Shimon Peres Peace Award dinner. The dinner is being held on October 22 at New York's Tavern on the Green restaurant. Organizers, Americans for Peace Now (APN), announced that tribute will be paid to long-time Middle East peace advocates **Stanley Sheinbaum** and the Honorable **Wayne Owens**. Sheinbaum will be this year's recipient of the Shimon Peres Peace Award, while Owens will be presented with the APN Distinguished Public Service Award. **Danny Goldberg**, chairman and CEO of the Mercury Records Group, is serving as chair of the event. Clinton, together with First Lady **Hillary Rodham Clinton** and **Leah Rabin**, are serving as honorary dinner chairs. Special guests will include **Jehan Sadat**, **Dalia Rabin-Pelossof** and **Jules Feiffer**.

GE Medical Systems has announced the appointment of **S. Morry Blumenfeld** to the position of managing director of its operations in Israel. According to **Jeff Immelt**, GE Medical Systems president and CEO, Blumenfeld has been a catalyst for the company's most significant technology breakthroughs over the past 30 years. A native of Toronto, Canada, he has a B.Sc. degree in engineering physics and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in molecular physics from the University of Toronto. Blumenfeld began his career as a research scientist with GE Corporate Research and Development and was a key leader in GE's development of computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance (MRI) scanners. Most recently he served as the general manager of Global Advanced Technology for GE Medical Systems of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a $4.5 billion world leader in medical diagnostic imaging systems and services. The company's Israel operations are primarily located in Haifa, and by the end of this year, pledged Immelt, its presence in Israel will be much more substantial.

Air Canada Executive Vice President **Douglas Port** during a visit to Israel this month expressed appreciation to local travel agents for their support of Air Canada's Israel office. At a festive dinner attended by travel agents, **Ruth Ben-Tsur**, who heads Air Canada's Israel office, reported that during the period June-August 1998, there had been a 34 percent increase in ticket sales from Israel. During the first eight months of 1998, the increase in sales corresponding to the same period in 1997 was 46%.

Israeli expatriate **Arik (Tzvika) Pfeffer** has been appointed president of the tourism division of the American Cendant conglomerate, which is the parent company of Howard Johnson. In his new role, Pfeffer will shoulder the ultimate responsibility for the marketing and sales of the giant organization which inter alia controls eight hotel chains including the 5,500 which operate worldwide under the Howard Johnson flag. A native of Chile, who migrated to Israel close to three decades ago, Pfeffer served in the Yom Kippur War and then went to the US to study hotel management in Miami, Florida. Starting as a desk clerk at Howard Johnson in Miami, he worked his way up through the chain to a series of senior executive positions. He was instrumental in bringing Howard Johnson to Israel where it is represented by Israel Resort Hotels.

After less than a year with the computer programming company ProActivity, **Dan Dinar**, 28, has been appointed sales manager in Israel. A Technion economics and business management alumnus, Dinar also held sales and marketing positions at Elscint and Iscar.

There's a new enemy: Deflation

People have become so accustomed to the dangers of inflation, they no longer appreciate the hazards of inadequate demand or feel the urgency to try to prevent it

By ROBERT B. REICH

Economic policy-makers have been fighting the last war so long, they can't see they're entering a different battle on the opposite front.

The old war was against inflation. It shaped the fears of those who watched it get out of control in the 1970s. These are the same people who now run the central banks, ministries and international lending institutions.

Yet the inflation war is over. The new enemy approaches from the opposite direction: spiraling deflation.

The generation that witnessed the worldwide Depression of the 1930s remembers what happens when deflation gets out of control. The seeds of the Depression were actually sown in the late 1920s when major industries began suffering insufficient demand. By 1927, purchases of houses, cars and consumer durables were in decline; commodity prices had turned downward and industrial production began to fall.

We are on the verge of a similar global era. But we have become so accustomed to the danger of excessive demand that we no longer appreciate the danger of inadequate demand or feel the urgency of taking preemptive action.

A deflationary spiral can be as dangerous as an inflationary one.

Falling prices squeeze profits, causing companies to reduce wages and cut employment. As a result, workers have less money to buy goods and services, causing prices and profits to drop further. The value of property bought on credit drops below the value of what's owed, resulting in mounting defaults. Lenders are unable to make further loans. The crisis deepens.

A vicious deflationary cycle can also let loose a vicious social cycle, which worsens the economic one. In contrast with periods of strong demand, characterized by low unemployment and rising wages, periods of weak or receding demand lead to higher unemployment and falling wages. Deeper indebtedness combined with higher unemployment can give rise to strikes, work stoppages, changes in democratically elected governments or even violent forms of social unrest. Such social instability further slows the economy and chokes off new investment.

A large, uncoordinated global contraction is already under way.



Brazil President Fernando Henrique Cardoso last year sharply raised central bank lending rates, which has flattened consumer demand in Latin America's largest market of 160 million people. (AP)

DEMAND has been contracting in Southeast Asia for over a year, and the consequences have been rippling outward. Many Japanese banks, awash with bad debt, are technically insolvent. They are no longer making loans to small- and medium-sized Japanese companies. Japanese companies that had relied on Southeast Asia as a market for their capital goods exports have lost a large portion of their customers.

Demand is also shrinking in much of Latin America. In an effort to maintain the "confidence" of global investors, Brazil President Fernando Henrique Cardoso last year sharply raised central bank lending rates. The result has been to flatten consumer demand in Latin America's largest market of 160 million people, amid fears of growing unemployment.

Brazil's contraction has rippled through much of the rest of Latin America, where economic austerity is also in vogue. The UN Commission on Trade and Development reports that real wages continue to fall throughout much of Latin America, and inequality is widening. The maintenance of adequate demand requires a large and growing middle class, which Latin America may be in danger of losing.

Double-digit unemployment continues to haunt much of Europe. Yet the predominant policy moves there have been contractionary as well.

Government deficits have been slashed in order to qualify for the euro, the single European currency. German and French central bankers have been asserting that their short-term rates of 3.3 percent should be the benchmark for the European Central Bank in 1999.

The US economy remains reasonably healthy. Unemployment is lower than it has been in almost a quarter of a century. But there are danger signs here as well. Job growth slowed considerably in September. Since March, more than 150,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost. Consumer confidence has dropped over the last three months, with a larger dip last month. Average hourly wages rose just 1 cent in September, down from previous months. Exports continue to plummet, and corporate profits are beginning to feel the shock. The stock market continues to slide.

The sluggishness of wages is especially significant given the importance of American household spending in maintaining the forward momentum of the economy. It means that the economy is being propelled largely by household debt – including credit cards, personal loans and mortgages – which continues at record levels. While it constituted 60% of disposable income at the start of the 1970s, household debt now exceeds 90%.

Economic policy in the United States is not countering the global contraction. Not only has federal spending been slashed and the budget balanced, but the Clinton administration recently touted a $70 billion surplus for the fiscal year just ended. The White House insists on "saving" the surplus to avoid possible shortfalls in the Social Security trust fund 34 years from now.

As inflation has subsided, real short-term interest rates, set by the Federal Reserve Board, have in effect risen. Even with the Fed's small rate cut last week, real short-term rates continue to be higher than the long-term rates set by the market.

CONSIDER, then, the large picture: An East Asia of toppling currencies and bank insolvency, rising unemployment in Latin America's largest economy and falling real wages throughout the rest of Latin America, continued double-digit unemployment in Europe and a rapidly approaching limit to the capacity of American consumers to take on more debt.

Yet rather than leaning in the opposite direction, public policies are intensifying the contraction. Central bankers, financial ministers and International Monetary Fund officials, acting rationally in their own specific spheres of responsibility, are not seeing the larger picture. Instead of discussing a new "global architecture" for international finance, they should be taking concrete steps to prevent the contraction from turning into a global recession. Here are three.

First, reduce global interest rates. Last week's decision by the Fed to lower short-term interest rates by a quarter-point was a symbolic gesture. The Fed is scheduled to meet twice more before the end of the year. It should phase in a full percentage point cut.

Germany's Bundesbank should follow suit. This week, in Washington, Hans Tietmeyer, head of the Bundesbank, hinted at the possibility of an interest rate cut. But it needs to be more than symbolic. Europe should cut by a full point as well.

Second, shift to deficit spending. This is no time for fiscal austerity. The major nations of the world should be stimulating the global economy. Europe should relax the strict budget requirements for eligibility in the European monetary union.

Similarly, and for the same reason, the United States should use its budget surpluses for tax cuts and for additional spending. Although Japanese interest rates are about as low as they can go, Japan must embark on a major package of spending measures. Bank reorganization is essential, but it will take time. Deficit spending on a large scale must begin immediately.

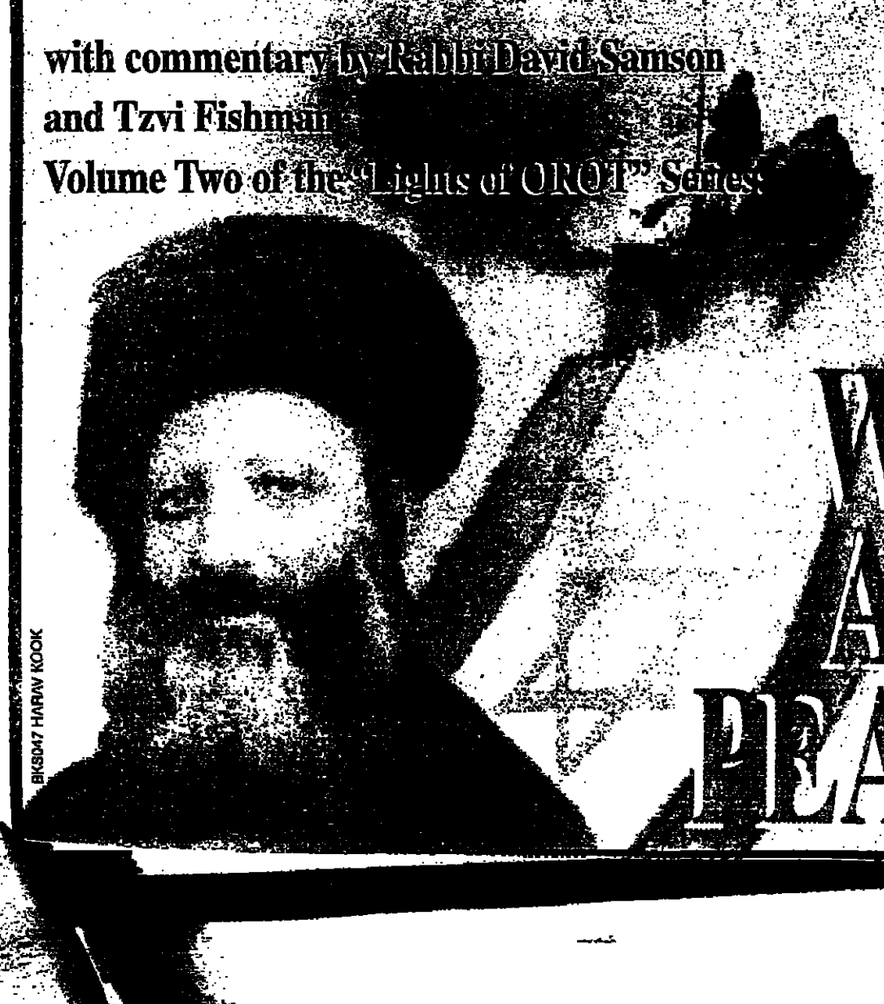
Third, cease conditioning Third World loans on sharp cuts in public budgets and the imposition of higher interest rates. These measures – insisted on by the IMF and the US Treasury – are smothering the very economies they are seeking to help and intensifying the global contraction already under way.

Changing the direction of public policy is easier than changing the attitudes behind the policies. Policy-makers who for years have sought to pre-empt spiraling inflation must now be equally aggressive in pre-empting spiraling deflation.

(The Los Angeles Times)

The writer, a professor of economic and social policy at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., was secretary of labor during President Clinton's first term.

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Ahsek Ind	1084	0
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Agish Int'l	308	0
Agn Investments	533	0
Al-Ben	135	0
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Alhe c2	93.5	1.5
Alhe w6	105	1
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Alonit	319	0
Alony-Hetz	438	12
Alony-Hetz Bond A	256	0
Alrod	266	0
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Alrov Warrant 5	220	0
Alumw	235	0
Alumt	1930	0
Amagar	180	0
Amdoc	181.5	0
Ammeil Warrant 1	151	0
Amnut	640	1.6
Ampa Investments	112500	-3
Analyst EMS	500	4
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Angel Trade Bond A	150	0
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Appcon warrant 1	217	0
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Arazim	98	-7.5
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Argaman	206	0
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Arpal	349	0
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Ashlod Bond A	154	0.5
Ashot	250	0
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Edgar Industries	192	-4.9
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Eini	135	0
Elam	300	7.1
Elcoman	2400	2.1
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El Canit	515	0
El Canit Bond 1	162.1	1.3
Elad	510	-5.8
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Elad Bond B	145	0
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Electronics Line	537	0
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Evergreen	3300	0
Evrois Warrant 1	1650	0
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Feldman Ind.	269	0
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Granit Bond	164.1	-3
Granit Bond 2	159	-1.9
Green Software	276	0
Greenberg	1093	-8
H. Electronics	49.2	15
H. Mer	786	-4.1
Habas	2950	0
Habas Bond 1	131.2	0.2
Hadar 1	28000	0
Hadar 5	82500	0
Hadar Ins. 1	805	0
Hadar Ins. 5	3380	0
Hadarim Bond1	114.5	0
Hadarim Warrant 1	540	4.4
Hagal	365	0
Hagal Bond B	159	0
Hamalbor	249	22.7
Hanel	6.2	8.8
Harel Bond A	490	0
Hasin Esh	650	0
Hasor	240	0
Hatehol 1	270	0
Hatehol Bond A	144.4	0
Hayel	1275	0
Hayel Bond2	145	0
Hayel Warrant 1	82.8	0.4
Hed Arzi Music	320	-3
Hiron 1	10000	0
Hiron 5	34000	0
HL Service Bond 2	189.3	1.2
HL Service Bond 3	150	0
HL Services	1679	0
Hod	123	0
Hof	850	9.3
Holit	113.1	-7.3
Home Center	5700	0
Hydrolics	105	0
IES Industries	367	-3.8
IES Warrant 1	54	350
Ilan Gat	118	-0.4
Ilan Gat Bond A	147	0
ILDC Bond 6	254	-0.4
ILDC Hotels	409	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	175.5	0.5
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	104	4
ILDC Insurance	423	0
ILDC Insurance Bond A	140	0
Imco	308	-1
Ind Bld Warrant 3	29	23.9
Ind Bldgs Rt	11	10
Ind.Dev.Bank C	344	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	3180	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	3242	-2.1
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1480	8.4
Independence Mort	78000	0
Intercosma	706	0
Intergamma 1	3540	0
Intergamma 5	12370	0
Inventech	573	0
Iscal	1450	0
Ispro	3650	0
Isracolor	339	0
Israel Corp. 5	144000	0
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	144.1	1.5
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	181	0.5
Isralom	690	0
Isralom Bond B	0	0
Isralom Bond C	86.9	0
Israrmco	2.4	4.3
Isras 1	7190	0
Isras 5	26500	0
Isras Bond A	260	0
ISTA LINES	2200	0
Itay	2680	0
Itay Bond 1	72.4	0
Itay Warrant 1	400	0
Jafora Bond A	170	0
Jaysour	140	0
Jaysour Bond A	103	0
JEC Bond B	92.2	0
Jerusalem Mort	178.2	1.8
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 18	162.7	0
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	80	6.1
JOEL Bond 1A	226	0
JOEL Bond 2	131.2	0.2
JOEL Bond A	227	0
JOEL Warrant 3	1.3	0
Kadimera	136.8	0
Kadour	432	3.8
kafrice bond b	89	0
kafrice warrant 1	84.5	0
Kahit	1293	0
Kallalit Bond A	91.4	0.2
Kallalit warrant 2	194	8.4
Kamour	370	-9.8
Kamour Bond G	136.2	5.2
Kameopt	874	0
Kanal Warrant G	1	0
Kanicol	30	0
Kanicol Bond A	42.7	0
Kardan 1	456	0
Kardan 5	2300	2.2
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	64	0
Kedem Chemicals	3940	0
Kenhav	300	0
Kesher	751	0.1
Kesher Bond A	153	0
Keter	665	0
Kind	15.7	0
Kind Bond A	50	22.9
King	275	-5.2
Kinneret	169	0
Kisch Kirur	173	0
Kishrei Teufa	1100	0
Kital	170	-9.6
Kital Bond A	155.1	0
Kital Bond A	116.8	0
Klil Ind. 5	6400	0
Koor Bond 5	143	1.1
Kopel	245	0
Kopel Bond 1	250	0
La Nationale Bond A	139	0
La Nationale Pref	120	0
Lachish	2700	0
Lamont	800	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	71	0
Lasers	337	0
Lavtex	732	0
Lazruck Bldg	475	0
Lazruck Comm Ctrs	147.5	-2
Lazruck Commercial Centres Bond 133		0
Lazruck Ind Bldgs	257	0
Lazruck Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	135	0
Lego	480	6.7
Leumi Warrant 5	30.4	7
Levanthal	540	-10
Levi	500	0
Levi Bond A	146	0
Levi Bond B	90	0
Levi Warrant 2	60	0
Levinstain Bond A	95.7	0.7
Levinstain Warrant 2	677	0
Levinstein	1540	0
Liber	345	0
Lidan	1200	5.3
Lifshir 1	148.4	0
Lifshir 5	578	-9.9
Ligad	310	0
Ligad Bond 1	154.1	0.1
Lighterage 1	609	0
LIMS	260	0
Lipman	1650	-2.9
Lipsid	2510	0
Lipsid Bond A	171.1	0
Lnaz Bond A	137	1.3
Lodan	103	0
Lodzia 1	1316	0
Lodzia 4	4910	0
Luhot Galil	24.2	0
Luhot Galil Bond 1	151.1	0
Lumir	3400	0
Ma'anv	2400	-10.4
Ma'anv Bond A	131	0.8
Maaberot	1062	0
Macpell	475	3.9
Macpell Bond A	141.8	0
Macpell Bond B	133	1.5
Macpell Bond G	76.2	0
Macpell Warrant 3	26	52.9
Madi	808	0
Magalim	111.6	1.9
Magem Bond A	173	0
Magem Bond B	126.1	0
Magnet	137.5	0
Magmai	33.2	-28
Magor 1	2070	0
Magor 5	9100	0
Magor hldgs. Bond B	90.5	0
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	552	0
Maial	291	0
Mali	90	0
Malta	890	0
Man	77	0
Man Bond A	230	0
Mantur	33.9	0
Marathon	102	0
Marathon insured	100	0
Mario Lazruck Constr. Bond 1	164	0
Mario Lazruck Constr. Bond 2	149	0
Maritime Bank	1370	5.4
Maritime Bank Bond A	0	0
Maritime Bank Bond B	144.8	0.6
Mashav	855	0
Mashbir	620	0
Mashov	288	-8
Mashov	178	0
Matam	1388	0
Matav Warrant 1	750	14.3
Maxima 1	450	0
Maxima 5	1400	0
Mazpak	699	0
Med. Hotels	26.2	9.2
Meditechnica	577	0
Meditechnica Bond A	138	1.5
Meditechnica Bond B	81.8	0.1
Meditechnica Warrant 2	78	0
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	66	0
Megason	57.5	0
Mamud	460	2.2
Meir Ezra	1900	5.8
Meir Ezra Bond B	269	5.1
Melet	266	0
Melissaron Bond B	88.1	0.1
Melissaron Warrant 3	35	0
Mendelson	170	0
Mendelm	36.4	0
Mercash Ins. 5	8080	0
Merczanit	821	0
Merhav	111	-7.5
Meytzav	185	0
Middle East Tube	316	0
Middle East Tube Bond A	112	0
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	14.8	-0.7
Milmor Bond A	140.8	0
Milomar Bond B	80	0
Milomar Warrant 2	148	0
Minsar	72.9	0
Mira Line	678	0
Mirure	12240	4.6
Mirage	216	9.1
Mirage Bond A	133.6	-1
Mirage Warrant 1	2.5	66.7
Mismit	60	0
Mishnael	19	0
Mishnael Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	149.8	1
Mishor Hahof	355	0
Misrani	200	0
Mivtach Shamir	1650	3.1
Mivtach Shamir	1192	0
Mizrahi	722	3
Mizrahi warrant 1	145.2	3.7
Mizrahi warrant 2	76.5	12.7
MM Engineering	112	0
MM Engineering Bond A	90	0
Modcal	670	0
Modi'in	1.3	8.3
Moflar	143	4.5
Moflar Convertable Bond AAA	272	0
Molert	945	0
More Plasac Ind.	348	0
Moshkovitz	126	-10
MTI Computers	380	0
Mul-T-Lock	561	1.7
Mula Semar	223	0
Nachshon Fund	42	0.5
Naphtha	29	-3.3
Naphtha Oil Exp.	27	-1.5
Natour	700	0
NATSWA BOND A	109	0.4
Navigator	341	0
Navigator Property	789	-3.8
Nechushtan Bond B	72.5	0
Nechushtan Prop.	173.2	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	137	0
Nechushtan Warrant 1	29.2	0
Negev Ceramics	161	0
Nehushtan 1	600	0
Nehushtan 5	2500	0
Neot Aviv	6900	0
Nesia	470	0
Neve Arbel	163	0
Nevrim Hotels	330	0
Newtt	754	3.4
Nia	203	0
Nizuv	600	-8
Nsaco	2250	0
Nssen	237	0
NMC	220	10
Nogs	1446	-2
Nogs Insurans	100	0
Norstan	12.5	0
Nostar Tech.	334	0
Nurtex	600	1.7
Nurtex Bond A	148	0
Nur	63	0
NYP	959	0
Oasens	293	0
Oce Bond A	183.3	0.7
Oce Bond C	86	1.1
Oce Warrant 2	578	0
Ocenic	450	0
Ofek	210	0
Ofer Bro	5920	0
Ofrit	937	0
Ogden	61	0
Oralav	460	0
Os Fibers	1.1	0
Os-Ora	250	-2.3
Omni	253	0
Omnitech	196	0
Ophir	300	7.1
Ophir Tours	690	0
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	130	0
Orasye	2960	0
Orazil	373	0
Orazil Bond A	163	0
Orda	3430	0
Orda Bond 1	180	0
Orev	750	0
Oriali	102.7	10
Orilia	314	5
Orilia Bond A	89.1	-2.1
Orilia Warrant 2	26	4.3
Ormat Industries Bond D	131.5	1.5
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	107	0
Ortal	232	-5.8
Ozcar Hashilton	22800	3.8
Oz	183	31.7
Oz stide	363	0
Packer Steel	5200	0
Palbough	578	2.8
PAM	390	4
Pama	698	0
Pamax	1900	12.6
Pan Dor	271	0
Pardes	711	0
Pardes Bond A	57	0
Pasaport	2150	0
Paz Chen	385	0
PCB	1150	0
Pdan Investment	54.5	0
Peerag	122	0
Peridotex	625	1.6
Phoenix Ins. 5	19500	0
Pica Plast	451	0
Pilat	179.9	0
Pinros	132	0
Pinros Bond A	144.6	0
Pilot	400	0
Plason bond a	103	0.7
Plason warrant 1	293	0
Plasson	3470	5.2
Plasto Sac	650	0
Plasto Shack Bond A	85.1	-2.7
Plasto Shack Warrant 2	103	0
Poalim Inv. Bond B	94	0.5
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	1765	11.7
Poalim Investments Bond A	142	1.4
Point of Sale	1472	-13.4
Polak	289	2.8
Polgat A	280	2.8
Polgat B 4	1020	5.8
Polygon	223	0
Polygon Bond 2	225	0
Ponsz	141.9	6.8
Port	58.5	0
Posadon	94.9	0
Pri Hasamak	14.3	0
Pri Hasamak Bond A	28.5	0
Pritzker	208	0
Pritzker Bond A	141.7	-0.2
Profil	360	0
Profit Bond A	132.3	0.2
Python	434	-2.7
Quality Cap Mkts	400	0
Rabanter	256	0
Ram Zur	83	0
Ramgor 1	270	0
Ramgor 4	671	0
Rapak	1960	4.7
Rapak Bond A	157	0
Rassco	1200	0
Ratio	1	0
Rav Car	90	-9.1
Rawad	148.5	0
RDC	1049	0
RDC Bond A	144.2	0
Red Sea Hotels	720	7.6
Regency	97	2.1
Regency Bond 1	124	0
Regent	425	1.4
Regent Bond A	143.9	0
Rekah	440	0
Reshef	65	0
Reshef Bond B	113.8	-1
Rimoni	681	0
Rogosin	990	-1.2
Rogozin Bond A	60.5	1.3
Rogozin Warrant B	333	0
Rombach	406	0
Rosebud	68.6	5.5
Rosental	115	0
Rotem	380	0
Rotshtein	136	0
Rotshtein Bond A	138	0.7
RSL	550	-0.9
Sadot Mop Bond A	100.5	1.3
Sagie Prop. Bond 1	39	-13.3
Sahar Bond a	87	0
Sahar Dev.	2520	-10

TASE surges on shekel gain

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks surged after four days of declines, led by Bank Hapoalim and other large banks, as a stronger shekel eased concern that inflation will accelerate faster than expected and loan defaults will increase.

Bank Hapoalim, the No. 1 bank by assets, jumped 6.5 percent to NIS 7.82 and Bank Leumi, No. 2 bank, rose 5% to NIS 5.05. That helped the Maof Index of 25 largest companies to gain 4.65% to 262.96.

The shekel gained 1.7% against the dollar after gains in Asian and European stocks eased concern that emerging market stocks and bonds, including shekel-denominated securities, will drop, currency traders said. The shekel has lost as much as 12.1% against the US dollar since the beginning of October, raising concern about banks' ability to recover dollar-denominated loans and sending inflation expectations soaring.

"The fact that the shekel situation hasn't gotten any worse" helped stocks, said Keith Phillips, an analyst at Societe Generale Securities and Trading. "At the end of last week, people thought we were about to go out of control. Yesterday that doesn't appear to be the case."

Israel Discount Bank, the third-largest bank, surged 5.65% to NIS 3.18. United Mizrahi Bank, the fourth-largest bank added 3% to NIS 7.22 and First International Bank of Israel gained 3.4% to NIS 1,790.

The shekel's strength eased concern that the Bank of Israel will have to raise interest rates in order to combat inflation from dollar-linked housing costs, traders said.

The Tel Aviv-100 Index of largest companies gained 4.13% to 259.48. The indexes recovered today from 18-month lows set last Thursday amid a 5.3% NIS shekel drop. The market resumed trading yesterday after a four day holiday weekend.

Europe

UK stocks fell for the first time in three days, led by HSBC Holdings Plc and other banks on concern Japan's economy won't be revived by a banking rescue plan. That could hold back recovery in other Asian economies and trim corporate earnings.

"We're not out of the woods yet. For the brave, there is value, but you do have to be brave," said Logie Cassells, who helps manage 4.5 billion pounds ($7.7 billion) at Old Mutual Portfolio Managers.

The FTSE 100 Index fell 47.5 points to 4990.1. HSBC fell 28p to 1,202 and Diageo, the world's biggest liquor maker, slipped 10p to 542.

The broader 250 Index gained 21 points to 4389.7, gaining for a third day.

Shell Transport & Trading Co., part of the world's biggest publicly-traded oil company, fell along with Cable & Wireless Plc, Britain's second-biggest telephone company. Both rely on overseas earnings. Shell fell 1.25p to 356.75, Cable & Wireless slipped 5p to 636.

Insurance companies also fell, following a warning from US insurer St. Paul Cos. that losses from disaster claims, such as from storm damage, could total $175 million.

"The St. Paul statement and the rate cuts not being enough are pulling them down," said David Gould, an equity salesman at Credit Lyonnais Securities. Analysts at the bank will downgrade profit forecasts, he said.

Royal & Sun Alliance Plc, an insurer, fell half a penny to 524.5; Allied Zurich Plc fell 13p to 598.

Asia

Japanese stocks fell, pacing declines in Korea and Australia, on doubts a bank rescue plan will provide a swift enough injection of credit to lift the region's largest economy from recession soon. Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan stocks were mixed.

Utilities such as Tokyo Electric Power Co. led declines as the Nikkei 225 index fell 312.22 points, or 2.3%, to 13,242.79, after rising 5.2% yesterday. Korea's Kospi index fell 1.7%to 346.08. Australia's All Ordinaries Index fell 0.5% to 2488.50.

Dismay that the government's 60 trillion yen ($510 billion) bank rescue plan, passed by the lower house of parliament, is too ill-defined to offer an immediate remedy to Japan's financial crisis, weighed on stocks and weakened the yen. Still, the yen's 16% gain against the dollar last week continued to buoy other Asian currencies and drive down borrowing costs across the region.

"Until we see concrete evidence the lending environment has improved and deflationary pressures are eased, few investors will buy above these levels," said Masaaki Higashida, deputy general manager of Nomura Securities Co.'s investment information division in Tokyo.

Traders said that part of yesterday's sell-off was to raise money to pay for shares in the initial listing of NTT Mobile Communications Network Inc., known as NTT DoCoMo. The cellular phone subsidiary of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. will list on Oct. 22 in the world's second biggest initial public offering. (Bloomberg)



Maof 262.96 ▲ 4.65%
Dow Jones 7938 ▼ 0.8%
FTSE 4990.1 ▼ 0.94%
Nikkei 13242.74 ▼ 2.3%

Wall Street

Stocks halted a three-session rebound yesterday, with disappointment over Eastman Kodak's latest quarterly report weighing down the blue-chip group.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 63.33 points – or by 0.8 percent – at 7,938.14 after recovering from a 116-point slide that briefly put the blue-chip measure below this year's starting point, 7,908.25.

Broader indexes also pulled back, with the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite posting the biggest loss after bouncing nearly 200 points from Thursday's low.

The Dow, which had rallied almost 550 points from Thursday's low, took the equivalent of a nearly 50-point hit from Kodak, which reported a third-quarter profit of $398 million.

The 72% improvement from last year's third quarter beat forecasts, but analysts bristled at a 10 percent drop in sales and an uninspiring fourth-quarter update.

Kodak was one of several major companies to release their results today as profit-reporting season hit full stride. Among the Dow 30, drugmaker Johnson and Johnson reported a 12.4% profit gain and GM posted a slimmer-than-expected loss of $809 million for the strike-tainted period.

Merrill Lynch rose after the investment firm posted a wider-than-expected loss, but announced plans to cut costs by eliminating 3,400 jobs. (AP)

Yen declines as Japan currency's gains seen unjustified

The dollar gained for a second day against the yen, as traders reasoned the extent of the yen's recent surge isn't justified given the dismal state of the Japanese economy.

"Nothing has changed" in the Japanese economy, said Russ LaScala, manager of spot trading at Citibank. "Why do people want to own yen? It doesn't make sense on the basis of interest rates or economic fundamentals."

The dollar rose to 119.89 yen from 117.50 late Monday in New York. LaScala said the dollar could rise to the mid-120s this week.

Traders also sold yen amid skepticism Japan will quickly implement a long-awaited bank bail-out package passed by the Diet's lower house.

"The attitude is going to be wait-and-see," said David Solin, a partner at Foreign Exchange Analytics in Essex, Connecticut. "Let's see how aggressive they are about implementing" the rescue plan.

The dollar fell to 1.6426 marks from 1.6512 on speculation the US is poised to cut interest rates in coming weeks, while Germany keeps its rates on hold.

Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer Monday said Germany will continue its policy of steady interest rates, which he said are low enough to promote economic growth. His comments were in contrast with those Friday by Chancellor-designate Gerhard Schroeder, who said there's "room" for a German rate cut.

"The Bundesbank wanted to assert its independence: 'We determine policy, not you – and rates are going to be steady,'" said LaScala. "People are buying marks on the back of that."

The dollar sank to a 16-month low of 111.58 yen last week, when dollar sales by hedge funds caused the US currency to lose 14 percent in its worst one-week rout since major currencies came off the gold standard in 1971.

Traders are saying that slide was overdone – and that it had little to do with Japan's economic outlook. There are few signs that Japan is emerging from a seven-year slump, its worst since World War II.

To be sure, Japan's lower house of parliament approved legislation under which the government could spend as much as 60 trillion yen ($510 billion) to aid debt-strapped banks. The package, though, was short on specifics and less than the 67 trillion yen that leaders of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and the opposition Democratic Party of Japan agreed to Friday.

Since Japan has had trouble implementing economic packages in the past, traders said they won't get more bullish on the yen until they see progress on implementing the bank plan.

"The Japanese economy remains in a record slide, with activity likely to fall further in 1999" even with the new stimulus, said Kermit Schoenholtz, chief economist at Salomon Smith Barney. "Japan's fundamentals point to an eventual reversal" of last week's yen rally.

Prospects for recovery in Japan are also being hurt because the yen's gains of more than 14% this month against the dollar makes Japanese exports more expensive.

"The Japanese economy is under further pressure with dollar- yen at these levels," said Paul Griffiths, of Invesco Asset Management in London. (Bloomberg)



Dollar 4.188 ▼ 1.69%
Basket 4.609 ▼ 1.95%
Mark 2.55 ▼ 2.39%
Sterling 7.1209 ▼ 1.91%

Gold little changed as European markets rally

Precious metals

Gold was little changed in London as a rally in European equity markets eased the need for investors to seek to hedge their bets in other markets by buying gold.

Gold, along with government bonds and the Swiss franc, is seen by some investors as an asset that will hold it's value if the world slips into recession and equity markets plunge, so it has mirrored movements in major stock markets for about a month.

Today, it rose almost 1 percent as stock markets in Europe and Japan fell, before paring those gains.

"In the medium term, we'll need more signs of a real financial crisis to keep gold from drifting back," said Kamal Naqvi, an analyst at Macquarie Equities Ltd. in London. The market is being moved when people seek "protection for their assets." Gold for immediate delivery last traded at $296.75 an ounce, compared with $296 an ounce at midnight London time.

Energy

Crude oil for November delivery was little changed at $14.48 a barrel, up 4 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange as traders await a weekly industry report on US inventories. The American Petroleum Institute was due to issue its report for the week ended Oct. 9 after trading yesterday. In its most recent report last week, the API said inventories fell 1.2% during the week ended Oct. 2, though traders gave more credence to a report from the Department of Energy showing an unexpected 0.8% gain.

Others

Copper for December delivery was little changed at 72.45 cents a pound, down 0.3 cent, on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange. Traders are watching to see if the dollar will rise as a strengthening US currency can trim demand as it makes purchasing dollar-priced copper more costly to investors using other currencies.

Still, speculation that the US Federal Reserve will cut interest rates again before the end of the year could support prices, as lower rates usually lead to lower borrowing costs, which could boost demand for housing and new construction.

Cocoa for December delivery fell as much as $20, or 1.3%, to $1,505 a metric ton on the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange in New York. Expectations that demand for cocoa from chocolate makers will decline in nations such as Russia is weighing on prices. US chocolate and candy producer, Mars Inc., suspended production in Russia because of the ongoing financial turmoil, although U.K.-based producer, Cadbury Schweppes Plc just resumed its output, ending a month-long halt. Strengthening currencies, such as the dollar and British pound have led to higher prices for imported cocoa in Russia, crimping domestic demand.

Coffee fell nearly 2% on expectations rising Brazilian exports would swell global supplies and prompt roasters to buy more mild-tasting arabica coffee instead of the robusta beans traded in London.

Brazil, the world's biggest coffee producer, last month exported 2.1 million bags of coffee, each weighing 60 kilograms or 132 pounds, 40% more than in September 1997, the Brazilian Federation of Coffee Exporters said. Growing global supplies of coffee have pushed prices down, making Brazilian arabica more affordable for roasters who usually use the cheaper robusta in their blends. (Bloomberg)



Gold $296.35 ▲ 0.1%
Crude Oil $13.14 ▲ 0.04%
CRB 204.71 ▲ 0.65%

US bonds gain for first time in five days

US bonds rose for the first time in five days as investors snapped up Treasuries after last week's plunge in prices drove long-term yields to a two-week high.

"The longer end was cheap," said Chris Sullivan, chief investment officer at United Nations Federal Credit Union in New York. "That may have been attractive to certain accounts."

The 30-year Treasury bond rose 24/32, or $7.50 per $1,000 bond, cutting its yield 5 basis points to 5.07 percent. Yields on two-year notes, the most actively traded Treasuries, fell 4 basis points to 4.14%.

The rally that drove 30-year Treasury yields to their lowest level in more than three decades came to an abrupt halt last week, as hedge funds and other speculative investors sold government securities to offset losses in other markets. That selling took long-term bond yields from a 31-year low of 4.69% on October 5 to 5.12% on Friday – high enough to lure investors.



US 30-year T-bill yield
5.07 ▼ 0.05

"There's been some amazing moves in the markets recently, and people are taking advantage of that to get into bonds at more sensible prices than they could have a week ago," said Kevin Adams, of AMP Asset Management. "Though investor appetite for risk has clearly fallen, economic fundamentals are still positive."

To be sure, many investors are questioning whether yesterday's rally will hold. The Treasury bond has already shed more than 1 point from its best gains.

"People are still trying to determine were value is," said Charles Ullerich, of Pilgrim America in Phoenix. "I don't see value at these levels. Why would I want to buy a 5% long bond when I could park my money at 5.25% [annualized) overnight?"

Others said there are plenty of reasons to buy.

Selling in some overseas stock markets, led by a 2.3% decline in Japan's Nikkei 225 index, helped bonds because it boosts the demand for the safety of Treasuries, traders said. (Bloomberg)

LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE
Allied Domecq	459	+4.25
Allied Zurich	598	-5.5
BAT Inds	487	-6
BT	715	-18
BTR	99	-9.25
Barclays	1056	-5
Bass	578	+13
Boots	888	-23
British Airways	360	-0.75
Comm Union plc	912	-9.5
Diageo	542	-9.5
General Electric	460.5	+1.25
Glaxo	1655	-6
Halifax	781	-7
HSBC (75p shs)	1250	-24
ICI	524	-30
Land Securities	843	-13.5
Lloyds Bank	712	-30
Marks & Spencer	436	-13.5
NatWest Bank	859	-19.5
Prudential	725	+16
Reuters	461.5	+2.5
Sainsbury	560	-11.5
Shell Transport	356.75	-1.25
Tesco Intl	3000	+250
Unilever	574.5	+8.5
Zeneca	1913	-15

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Air Liquid	939	-1.5
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Peugeot	834	+39
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	LAST	CHANGE
Bayer	60.05	-1.65
Daimler-Benz	125.7	+0.7
Lufthansa	32.4	-0.7
Mannesmann	-	-
Metallgesellschaft	23.75	-0.15
Volkswagen	116.5	+3.7

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 13-OCT-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	4.609	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	4.188	0
British Pound (1)	7.1209	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.55	0
French Franc (1)	0.7606	0
Japanese Yen (100)	3.49	0
Swiss Franc (1)	3.1637	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.7093	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.5768	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.8841	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	7938.14	-63.33
DJ Transport	2420.6	-48.28
DJ Utils	305.56	-5.04
DJ Comp	2480.61	-13.51
NYSE Industr	612.92	-3.38
NYSE Transport	396.33	-6.78
NYSE Comp	492.14	-0.81
S&P 100	487.96	-2.34
S&P Spot Index	994.88	-2.83
Israel Index	172.27	-3.28

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	4990.1	-47.5
Tokyo Nikkei	13242.7	-312.3
Singapore all-share index	302.01	-0.54
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	9008.8	+18.6
Israel Index	172.27	-3.28
Paris CAC 40	3278.85	+15.53
DAX	4225.49	+241.84
Madrid	856.84	+0
Swiss Market Index	5744.9	+7
Sydney	2488.5	-13.1
Milan	1102.17	+38.67

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	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.7051	+0.0111
Dec.future (CME)	16998	0
D-mark: spot	1.6345	-0.0157
Dec.future (CME)	61420	0
S-franc: spot	1.3235	-0.0166
Dec.future (CME)	76110	0
Yen: spot	118.95	+1.33
Dec.future (CME)	0.008474	-0.000186
CanDlr: spot	1.5486	+0.0009
Dec.future (CME)	64600	0
AusDlr: spot	0.6242	-0.0016
Dec.future (CME)	62920	0
F-franc: spot	5.4818	-0.0507
It Lira: spot	1617	-15
Nig: spot	1.8434	-0.0161
AutShig: spot	-	-
Franc: spot	-	-
ECU: spot	1.2045	+0.0039

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CEC)	1501	-24
Coffee (Dec) (CEC)	104.15	0
Wheat: (Dec) (CBOT)	296	+5.75
Soybean (Nov) (CBOT)	563.5	+6.5
Orange juice (Nov)(CEC)	122.75	-4.8
Crude Oil (Dec)(NYMEX)	14.42	-0.2
Bonds Dec.future	127.656	0
S and P Dec.future	1002.5	-2.7

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	989	-13
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	1692	-12
Sugar (Dec) (LCE)	217.5	-2.5
Brent crude oil (Dec)(IPE)	1322	-17

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	4.84	+0.01

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	298.5	+0.5
Silver (Dec)	4.84	+0.002
Platinum (Jan)	344.3	+0.5
Palladium (Dec)	279	+0.5
High-grade copper (Dec)	0.731	+0.0035

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	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	-	-
Gold PM fix	-	-
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Canadian dollar	2.7156	2.7594	2.66	2.80	2.7063
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NBA cancels first two weeks of season

NEW YORK (AP) – For the first time in its history, the National Basketball Association yesterday canceled regular season games because of a work stoppage when talks between owners and players broke off after about 3 1/2 hours.

The games during the first two weeks of the season, Nov. 3-16, will not be played or made up, deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. And with that, the NBA's 51-year streak of 35,001 consecutive games came to an end.

The league had been the only major professional sport in North America that had never lost a game due to a labor dispute.

The players and owners are arguing over rising salaries, among other issues.

The next move will come from the owners, who will deliver a counterproposal later this week.

"It doesn't look promising," commissioner David Stern said.

"The reality is that the owners had no choice." Stern and Granik made the announcement late in the afternoon at a midtown Manhattan hotel after the sides had met for two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

The players made a counterproposal in the morning, addressing the owners' concern for "cost certainty" by asking for a luxury tax that would be paid by owners who sign players to exorbitant contracts.

Stern said the idea of a tax was something the owners would look at, but by itself it was not enough to stop the league from canceling games for the first time in its history.

"We had a somewhat more constructive dialogue, but it's hard to say if we got closer to an agreement," Granik said. "We promised to come back with our own set of proposals." The owners imposed the lockout July 1, and the summer and early fall passed with the sides meeting only twice for formal bargaining sessions. The talks Tuesday were the third between the sides.

Patrick Ewing, Dikembe Mutombo, Ray Allen, Antonio Davis and John Starks were among the players who attended the meeting. The owners were represented by Gordon Gund (Cleveland), Les Alexander (Houston), Abe Pollin (Washington) David Checketts (New York) and Jerry Colangelo (Phoenix).

English soccer needs a recovery program

London Calling



Mark Rivlin

What is it about footballers in this country?

If it's not John Hartson's boot connecting with Eyal Berkovic's face, then it's David Beckham's alleged games of "Sex Monopoly" (it was there in sordid detail in one of the Sunday tabloids) with a lady other than the one to whom he is engaged.

And the latest football human-interest story to hit the back (and front) pages is the media's tried and trusted friend, Paul Gascoigne, who has finally admitted to his addiction to the bottle and turned for help.

Gazza was lucky enough to have missed England's latest failure on the pitch. While the best of the rest were struggling with the might of Bulgaria at Wembley, Gazza was in the exclusive Priory Clinic drying out from what presumably was a very wet few days in Dublin.

His club, Middlesbrough, announced that Gascoigne was undergoing treatment, having decided that too many binges spoil the fitness. First to back him were his media friends Danny Baker and Chris Evans, who were with him over the summer when the famous kebab incident took place.

But the story would have been no more than an insert on page six of most newspapers had reformed alcoholic Paul Merson not stepped into the lager and limelight on Monday morning.

At a press conference convened to discuss England's miserable showing against Bulgaria, Merson was asked if he understood what Gascoigne was going through. It was all too much for the Aston Villa star – he broke down in tears and had to be led away.

Given the rigors of modern day football with mathematical-style coaching techniques where fitness is measured to the last drop of sweat, it seems unusual that a number of British players choose to spend a lot of their free time in pubs and clubs getting "slaughtered."

In the Sixties, players would regularly down a combination of 10 pints and 10 fags after a game (for the details read Jimmy Greaves's autobiography *This One's On Me*), and training was little more than a light jog round the perimeter of the pitch.

But with most top clubs employing fitness experts, not to mention sports psychologists, and in the case of England a faith healer, training is much more methodical. Well, perhaps not at West Ham where the word "military" might be more appropriate.

The fall-out from the Hartson-Berkovic episode has not been entirely in the Israeli's favor. While all of the papers agree that Hartson should be severely punished, there have been one or two little "no smoke without fire" pieces which suggest that while Hartson's reaction may not have been appropriate, it was perhaps understandable.

Alan Nixon, writing in the *Sunday People* uncovered a lot of shades in Berkovic's colorful history.

"He (Berkovic) once threw a chair at journalist Yonatan Hileli" and "Berkovic even got into a half-time row with team-mate Steve Lomas who said he was not working hard enough in Berkovic's first game for the Hammers at Barnsley last season," were two of the more creative pieces of Nixon's investigative journalism.

And when the story broke last week, there was an interesting angle from Gary Ferminger, editor of the West Ham fanzine *Over Land and Sea*. Ferminger said the fans did not like Berkovic because he was not "one of the lads."

"Eyal doesn't like clubbing it with the likes of Rio (Ferdinand) and Frankie (Lampard). He just goes off and does his own thing. Part of being in a team is being with the lads," Ferminger explained.

So there you have it – any player who comes to England from abroad should adopt the local habits of pubs, clubs and Saturday night at the dog track.

And just to prove the point Ferminger added for god measure (sic) that West Ham's French African forward Somassi Abou loves clubbing with the lads.

In short, being a footballer is an extension of white laddish working-class culture and the risk you run for not being part of the culture is literally having your face kicked in. Before closing the story, one should not forget to mention the fact that Hartson appeared in Swansea Magistrates court last week after allegedly playing football with the hanging plant pots outside a pub. Unfortunately for West Ham, this year's club sponsors are Doc Martens, famous for manufacturing shoes and boots which have protected the feet of countless deviant groups over the years.

Of course players are supposed to act as role models to fans, but Hartson and Gascoigne's behavior will only fuel the flames of hooliganism which is making an unwelcome return to our stadia after a lengthy absence. Violent incidents at Millwall, Manchester United and Tottenham in recent weeks are a reminder that despite all-seater stadia and the supposed takeover of the game by the middle classes, football's real face is re-emerging, and an ugly mug it is too. Arrests for violence at games has trebled between the 1996-7 season and the last one.

As if all this is not depressing enough, England's performance on the field is enough to drive any fan to drink. Tonight is really Glenn Hoddle's high-noon. Anything other than a resounding victory over Luxembourg and Hoddle will be riding out of the Glenn towards the job center. The press have already made up their minds: "Off with his Hod" just about summing up the mood.

Poor Hoddle. A great player who has never quite mastered the art of management, despite achievements at Swindon and Chelsea. After the game on Saturday as the sharks were tapping away their official death sentence on their keyboards, Hoddle tried to explain England's demise. "The Bulgarians clearly came for a point," he told the nation. Unfortunately for Hoddle, they got one.

SPORTS

in brief

Caesarea golf

The four month Eli Kirshner individual matchplay competition has ended with victory going to Yitzhak Dankner who beat Jeff Strubel by three and two ending on the 16th hole last weekend.

Winning this week's alliance two best ball stroke play tournament at Caesarea with a 12 under par 134 strokes were Barton Brass, Ben Hoffman, Shmuelik Futeran and David Edel.

Four strokes behind on 138 were Morris Portner, Ephraim Katzman, Herbert Alon and Jules Cuburnek.

Three teams on 141 fought for third place but the best back nine of Cyril and Norma Kaufman, Manuela Fishbein and Judy Reefe gave them the advantage.

Last week's month medal tournament was won by Ran Sandler in the A division with the day's best net, a 68.

Judy Reefe won in the B division with 70 and Jules Cuburnek led in the C division with a 70 net.

Kfar Shmaryahu is out in front after 13 rounds in the Coca Cola golf league with 62 points, followed by Kfar Sava on 36 and Herzliya on 29.

Heather Chait

Tyson deemed 'fit' to fight again

LAS VEGAS (AP) – Mike Tyson was extremely depressed at the time he bit Evander Holyfield's ears and is unlikely to commit such an act again, a medical panel says in a report that finds he is "fit" to return to the ring.

Tyson said he was feeling betrayed by "people I would have died for" leading up to the June 1997 title fight against Holyfield, according to the psychiatric report released yesterday by the state attorney general's office.

The report, by a team of doctors who examined the former heavyweight champion last month, portrays him as lacking in self-esteem and depressed to the point that he took antidepressant drugs in the months following the Holyfield fight.

The report was ordered by the Nevada Athletic Commission as a requirement for Tyson in his attempt to regain his license, which he lost for biting Holyfield. The commission meets next Monday to consider the request.

Aussie cricketers to take pay cut

MELBOURNE (Reuters) – The cream of Australia's cricketers, including star bowler Shane Warne, will have their salaries slashed by up to A$40,000 ($64,240) a year under a new pay scheme designed to pump more money into developing players.

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Jaguars whip Dolphins, stay unbeaten

JACKSONVILLE (Reuters) – Mark Brunell threw a 56-yard touchdown pass to Keenan McCardell with 2:36 to play to keep the Jacksonville Jaguars unbeaten with a 28-21 victory over the Miami Dolphins on Monday.

After Olindo Mare missed a 54-yard field goal for Miami, Brunell fired a bomb down the right sideline with the game tied 21-21.

McCardell ran under it, blowing by cornerback Terrell Buckley, and stumbled into the end zone for the go-ahead score, just over nine minutes after catching the tying 23-yard TD pass from Brunell.

"We worked on that, it's a new play for us this week," Brunell said. "We hit it twice, fortunately. You throw it up there and hope the timing's there and it came down where it should, and Keenan made a fine play."

"I basically lost the game on that play. It was basic man-to-man coverage and I didn't get it done," Buckley said. "I pride myself on making plays when it counts and I didn't do it tonight, so I'm very disappointed."

Dan Marino got back the ball with 2:24 to go at his own 34-yard line and drove the Dolphins to the Jacksonville 38. But Jaguars defensive end Tony Brackens, back from a sprained ankle that forced him to miss the first four games, stripped Marino and pounced on the loose ball with 1:51 to play.

Marino had one final chance with 49 seconds remaining, pinned on the 8-yard line, but was unable to significantly move the offense. He completed 30-of-49 passes for 323 yards and two TDs for Miami, which suffered its second straight loss after opening the season 3-0.

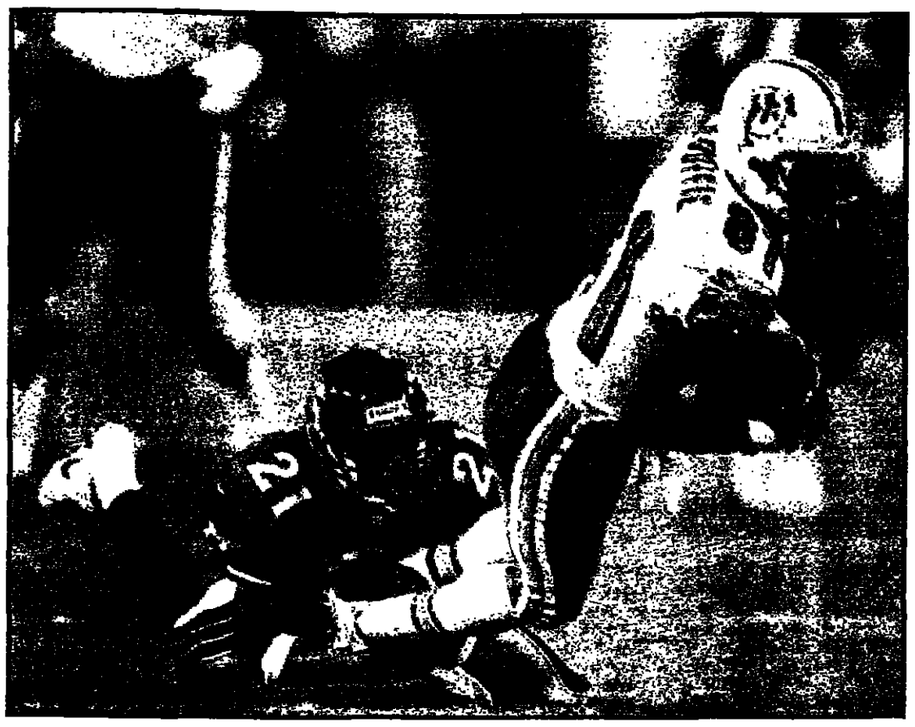
"The offensive line did an outstanding job most of the night," Marino said. "They gave me plenty of time to make plays I need to make. I just didn't make enough of them at the end."

Brunell was 12-of-18 for 213 yards and hooked up with McCardell three times for 86 yards as Jacksonville won the first regular-season battle between the AFC teams from Florida.

The Jaguars (5-0) won for the 18th time in 20 home games and took a two-game lead over Pittsburgh in the Central Division. Denver (6-0) and Minnesota (5-0) are the only other unbeaten teams in the NFL.

"We found a way to win and I'm very happy about that," said Jacksonville coach Tom Coughlin. "These are two very aggressive football teams. Tonight we faced one of the best defences so far this year. It was a very good test for us." Rookie Fred Taylor staked Jacksonville to a 14-0 lead with a pair of a touchdown runs in the first half, including a 77-yarder on the first play from scrimmage. But he left in the third quarter with a bruised left shoulder after gaining 89 yards on 12 carries.

Fellow rookie Tavian Banks replaced Taylor and gained 75 yards on nine carries, helping Jacksonville to a franchise-record 186 rushing yards.



SHORT-GAINER – Dolphins WR OJ McDuffie is tackled by Jaguars' Aaron Beasley after catching a 13-yard pass from Dan Marino in first-quarter action. (Reuters)

Miami 0 7 14 0–21
Jacksonville 7 7 0 14–28
First Quarter: Jac–Taylor 77 run (Hollis kick), 14:40. Second Quarter: Jac–Taylor 2 run (Hollis kick), 14:31. Mia–Drayton 2 pass from Marino (Mare kick), 7:41. Third Quarter: Mia–Abdul-Jabber 1 run (Mare kick), 10:29. Mia–Drayton 15 pass from Marino (Mare kick), 3:28. Fourth Quarter: Jac–McCardell 23 pass from Brunell (Hollis kick), 11:55. Jac–McCardell 56 pass from Brunell (Hollis kick), 2:36. A–74,051.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	4	1	0	.800	147	86
Miami	3	2	0	.600	88	70
Buffalo	2	3	0	.400	111	108
N.Y. Jets	2	3	0	.400	114	105
Indianapolis	1	5	0	.167	86	159
Central						
Jacksonville	5	0	0	1.000	124	92
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	70	81
Baltimore	2	3	0	.400	86	90
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	103	115
Tennessee	2	3	0	.400	80	89
West						
Denver	6	0	0	1.000	203	109
Kansas City	4	2	0	.667	118	103
Oakland	4	2	0	.667	88	117
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	127	79
San Diego	2	4	0	.333	70	102

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	4	2	0	.667	162	102
Arizona	3	3	0	.500	101	121
N.Y. Giants	2	4	0	.333	112	145
Philadelphia	1	5	0	.167	69	149
Washington	0	6	0	.000	86	186
Central						
Minnesota	5	0	0	1.000	166	96
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	135	107
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	75	99
Detroit	1	4	0	.200	107	138
Chicago	1	5	0	.167	116	146
West						
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	141	100
San Francisco	4	1	0	.800	164	86
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	89	105
St. Louis	2	3	0	.400	129	125
Carolina	0	5	0	.000	101	153

Dafoe, Hasek notch shutouts

BOSTON (AP) – Byron Dafoe, who had a career-high six shutouts last season, stifled New York with his first of the 1998-98 season Monday as the Boston Bruins beat the Islanders 3-0.

Dmitri Khristich scored his first goal of the season at 14:00 of the opening period and Steve Heinze made it 2-0 with his second at 15:18.

The Islanders lost their opener Saturday 4-3 to the Pittsburgh Penguins, who scored three goals in a 72-second stretch, starting with 4:50 gone in the game.

Dafoe, who stopped 29 shots in a 3-3 season-opening tie Saturday night against the St. Louis Blues, made 28 saves Monday, none better than the ones with about five minutes left in the game. He stopped Jason Dawe's point-blank shot from the slot with his left glove, then smothered Sergei Nemchinov's rebound attempt.

Canucks 4, Kings 2

Host Vancouver, Peter Zezel scored two goals, including the game-winner 10:48 into the third period, as the Canucks won their season opener over the Los Angeles Kings.

N.Y. Islanders 0 0 0–0
Boston 2 0 1–3
First Period–1, Boston, Khristich 1 (Allison, Samsonov), 14:00 (pp). 2, Boston, Heinze 2 (Donato, Ledyard), 15:18. Second Period–None. Third Period–3, Boston, Axelsson 1 (DiMaio), 13:25. Shots on goal–N.Y. Islanders 7-10-11–28. Boston 9-4-4–17. Goalies–N.Y. Islanders, Salo. Boston, Dafoe. A–14,851

Los Angeles 1 1 0–2
Vancouver 0 1 3–4
First Period–1, Los Angeles, Perreault 2 (Bodger, Tsyplakov), 9:03 (sh). Second Period–2, Vancouver, Zezel 1 (Bertuzzi, Muckalt), 14:48. 3, Los Angeles, Perreault 3 (Courtnall, O'Donnell), 17:19 (sh). Third Period–4, Vancouver, Scaldhard 1 (Aucoin, Brashear), 1:44. 5, Vancouver, Zezel 2 (May, Ohlund), 10:48 (pp). 6, Vancouver, Mogilny 1 (Zezel), 19:18 (en). Shots on goal–Los Angeles 5-11-9–25. Vancouver 10-7-7–24. Goalies–Los Angeles, Storr. Vancouver, Snow. A–16,071.

St. Louis 3 1 0–4
N.Y. Rangers 0 0 2–2
First Period–1, St. Louis, MacInnis 1 (Rivers, Campbell), 4:56 (pp). 2, St. Louis, MacInnis 2 (Campbell, Reasoner), 11:48. 3, St. Louis, MacInnis 3 (Turgeon), 16:48. Second Period–4, St. Louis, Courtnall 1 (Horacek, Demitra), 9:05. Third Period–5, New York, Leetch 1 (Gretzky), 3:48. 6, New York, Karpovtsev 1 (Sundstrom, Kovalev), 11:34. Shots on goal–St. Louis 14-13-15–42. New York 3-4-11–18. Goalies–St. Louis, Fuhr. New York, Richter, Clouter. A–18,200.

Buffalo 1 1 1–3
Colorado 0 0 0–0
First Period–1, Buffalo, Woolley 1 (Brown, Barnaby), 17:52 (pp). Second Period–2, Buffalo, Peca 1 (Grosek, Woolley), 3:29 (pp). Third Period–3, Buffalo, Zhitnik 1 (Smehlik, Varada), 6:05. Shots on goal–Buffalo 11-11-5–27. Colorado 13-10-9–32. Goalies–Buffalo, Hasek. Colorado, Roy. A–16,027.

The Kings' Yanic Perreault scored two shorthanded goals. Perreault has had a hand in all four goals the Kings have scored in their first two games of the season, with three goals and an assist.

Blues 4, Rangers 2

Defenseman Al MacInnis scored three straight goals to lead St. Louis to a road victory.

Sabres 3, Avalanche 0

Dominik Hasek stopped 32 shots for his 34th career shutout as Buffalo notched an away win.

Jason Woolley and Michael Peca scored power-play goals to help the Sabres avoid losing consecutive games for the first time since Dec. 27-29. Buffalo opened the season Saturday night with a 4-1 loss in Dallas.

Hasek, the winner of consecutive Hart and Vezina trophies, made a diving save against Joe Sakic late in the game to preserve the shutout. Buffalo survived seven shorthanded situations after allowing three power-play goals in its season-opening loss.

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Philadelphia	2	0	0	4	5	1
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	2	4	3
New Jersey	0	1	0	0	1	2
N.Y. Islanders	0	2	0	0	3	7
N.Y. Rangers	0	3	0	0	3	12
Northeast Division						
Ottawa	2	0	0	4	8	4
Boston	1	0	1	3	6	3
Montreal	1	0	0	2	7	1
Toronto	1	0	0	2	2	1
Buffalo	1	1	0	2	4	4
Southeast Division						
Florida	2	0	0	4	5	1
Washington	1	0	0	2	1	0
Carolina	0	0	1	1	4	4
Tampa Bay	0	1	1	1	5	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	1	0	1	3	7	5
Chicago	1	0	0	2	2	1
Detroit	0	1	0	0	1	2
Nashville	0	1	0	0	0	1
Northwest Division						
Calgary	1	0	1	3	8	6
Vancouver	1	0	0	2	4	2
Edmonton	0	1	0	0	1	2
Colorado	0	2	0	0	3	7
Pacific Division						
Dallas	1	0	0	2	4	1
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Torre: 'All my eggs in one basket'

Yankees turn to Cone for Game 6

NEW YORK (AP) – David Cone watched last October as his New York Yankees teammates were eliminated from the playoffs by the Cleveland Indians.

Last night, he got the opportunity to eliminate Cleveland in Game 6 of the AL championship series.

Cone was knocked out of the first game against the Indians in 1997 and missed the potential clinching game with an injured right shoulder. He endured months of rehabilitation last winter with the goal of pitching a big game again in October.

"I kind of felt like I let our team down last year when I told Joe Torre I was ready to go, and in reality I probably fooled myself," Cone said Monday of last year's Game 1. "It is very gratifying for me to be back in this position."

Torre has called upon Cone to pitch the biggest games in his three years at the helm in New York.

Cone pitched Game 3 of the 1996 World Series in Atlanta with New York down 2-0. He started the first game against Cleveland last season before leaving with the injured shoulder. And Torre used him in the potential momentum-shifting Game 3 against Texas in this year's division series.

"I probably put more trust in David than any other pitcher," Torre said. "So all my eggs are in one basket as far as I am concerned." Cone has more big-game experience than any other Yankees pitcher, starting 14 postseason games in his career. He has pitched series clinching, series extending and series losing games.

Twice he has been on the mound in Game 6 – once with his team down 3-2, the other with his team leading. His team won both games, beating Los Angeles in 1988, when he was with the Mets, to extend the NLCS to seven games, and getting a no-decision against Atlanta in Toronto's World Series clinching game in 1992.

Cone knows how to channel his nerves, and he can manage the pressure of the postseason.

Cone's counterpart last night has a lengthy postseason resume as well. Charles Nagy has made 11 starts in the playoffs, pitching 7⅓ shutout innings against Baltimore in Game 6 of the ALCS last year to put the Indians in the World Series.

Nagy was bypassed for the start in Game 7 of the World Series last year and ended up losing it in relief. But he is not worried about the past, focusing only on how to get his team to Game 7.

"There is no secret to what I do," he said. "I am going to go out and throw my sinker, slider, changeup and split. They know that. And if I keep the ball down and if I can get my breaking balls over for strikes, hopefully I will have some success."

MADDUX

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"I think it's the first time I pitched in relief where it actually counted," Maddux said. "I was like a fish out of water. I didn't know what to do, how to act.

"It was weird, it was like pitching on adrenaline. I just tried to make pitches. I still think I pitched the same way I normally do."

Maddux pitched five innings and allowed two runs in Game 3 Saturday, when the Padres won 4-1 to take what appeared to be an insurmountable 3-0 lead.

"The name of the game is picking each other up," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "And Greg picked Ligtenberg up.

Ligtenberg's been outstanding all season.

"I was trying to tangle with myself about bringing Maddux in the ballgame for one hitter. I had planned all night long for one hitter, maybe two or three. He touched 91 (mph) tonight. I've never seen him throw 91."

John Smoltz, who allowed nine hits and four runs in 6⅔ innings and wasn't involved in the decision, knows he might be used in relief in the seventh game, if there is one.

It's unlikely he'd pitch in Game 6 after throwing 96 pitches Monday night.

"When you're a starter your whole career and go the bullpen, it's a big adjustment," Smoltz said.

"We're extremely high, obviously, and that's an understatement," Glavine said. "To beat Kevin Brown, he's owned us. I'm looking forward (to today), obviously."

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★★★ **THE MASK OF ZORRO** – The sword fighting is impressive in its improbable, gymnastic way, but when push comes to shove, all the best moments in this energetic swash-buckler emerge from the stillness and the molten calm that Anthony Hopkins brings to his part. He plays the notorious outlaw 20 years past retirement, and Antonio Banderas is the scrappy horse thief he trains to take over the role. (It's as if the older, expert performer were giving the young heartthrob acting lessons.) Director Martin Campbell works in clean broad strokes, with constant motion and the display of vivid color his main concern.



Catherine Zeta-Jones and Antonio Banderas star in 'The Mask of Zorro.'

And while he and the scriptwriters make a few unfortunate concessions to the action-movie conditioning of contemporary audiences, the picture does achieve a kind of cheer and earnest excitement that indeed recall matinee films of an earlier era. With the almost too-lovely Welsh actress Catherine Zeta-Jones in her first major role. (Parental guidance suggested.)

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Haydn: Piano Sonata no 36
7:07 Beethoven: Sonata for Violin and Piano no 5 "Spring"; Vivaldi: Cello Concerto in B minor; Schumann: Kinderszenen (Horowitz)
8:05 Schumann: Fantasy in C major op 17 (Brendel); John Kayle: 5 songs (Kayle – voice, piano)
9:05 Handel/Camden: Suite in G minor; Mozart: Piano Concerto no 17 K453 (Schiff / Salzburg Mozarteum Academy Camerata / Wegh); Schubert: Quartet in G major for Flute, Viola, Guitar and Cello; Brahms: Schicksalslied for SATB Chorus and Orchestra op 54 (Atlanta SO and Chorus / Shaw); Saint-Saens: Violin Concerto no 3 op 61 (Amoyal / French NSO / Dutoit);
Tchaikovsky: Suite no 1 op 43
12:00 Light Classical – serenades by Mozart, Haydn, Schubert, Tosti, Tchaikovsky and others
13:00 Artist of the Week – Orchestra révolutionnaire et romantique / John Eliot Gardiner. Berlioz: Messe solennelle
14:06 Encores and Keys – works by Einojuhani Rautavaara in honor of his 70th birthday
16:00 Bach: Sheep May Safely Graze (Virgil Fox, organ); Schubert: Die Winterreise (Shotar, baritone / Zak, piano); Martinu: Double Concerto for 2 Orchestras, Piano, and Timpani
18:00 Schubert: Song arranged for Clarinet and Piano (Eli Heifetz / Edit Zvi); Beethoven: 4 Bagatelles (Richter); Folk/Kreisler: Londonderry Air (Kennedy / Unihan); R. Strauss: Lullaby (Streich / Weissenhorn); Chopin: Ballade no 4 (Perahia); Schubert: Sonatina for Violin and Piano op 137 (Heifetz / Zvi); Schumann: Piano Trio no 3 op 110 (Israel Piano Trio); Borodin: String Quartet no 1 (Borodin Quartet)
20:05 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra – Haydn: The Creation (Yaron / Davis / Quirk / Friedrich Shela Choir / Nelson); Schubert: Piano Sonata in A major (posthumous) (Berman); Handel: Organ Concerto in G minor op 4 (Malsky)
23:00 Golden Generation – Bruno Walter in Vienna / third program. Mahler: Das Lied von der Erde (in 2 recordings) (Torburg / Colman / Vienna PO / recorded 1936);

■ RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWEST local news
6:00 Morning Drive with David Stark (until 9:00)
7:45 Sports Update
8:08 Lions Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch with Sharon Wagner (until 12:00)
10:00 Travel program with Ayala Tours
12:00 "Head to Head" with Charlie Levine and Dr. Tom Gumpel
13:00 Windows on the World
13:30 Pick of the Hits with Donna Abraham
15:00 Music with Aaron Kalsman
17:00 Afternoon Drive with Mike Reinis (till 19:00)
17:45 Sports Update
19:00 Lonely Soul in Town – Dave Bender
20:45 Jerusalem Post Sports – tomorrow's sports tonight – with Joe Hoffman and Ori Lewis
21:00 Gesher presents "The Great Divide" – panel discussion
22:00 West Rock with Matt Leader
1:00 Late Night Music

■ BBC WORLD SERVICE (unconfirmed)

6:00 The World Today
6:30 Outlook
6:55 Take Five
7:00 The World Today
7:30 One Planet
8:00 News
8:15 Insight
8:30 Sports International
9:00 News
9:15 Off the Shelf
9:30 Meridian Live
10:00 News
10:10 Pause For Thought
10:15 Westway
10:30 Everywoman
11:00 News
11:05 World Business Report
11:15 The Farming World
11:30 Britain Now (BBC English)
11:45 Sports Roundup
12:00 Newsdesk
12:30 One Planet
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 Sports International
14:00 News
14:05 World Business Report
14:15 Britain Today
14:30 Soundbyte
14:45 Sports Roundup
15:00 Newshour
16:00 News
16:05 Outlook
16:30 Megamix
17:00 News
17:05 Sports Roundup
17:15 Performance
17:30 Everywoman
18:00 Europe Today
18:30 World Business Report
18:45 Britain Today
19:00 News
19:15 Insight
19:30 F.O.O.C.
19:45 Sports Roundup
20:00 Newsdesk
20:30 The Works
21:29 News Summary
21:01 Outlook
21:30 Pause For Thought
21:30 Multitrack: X-Press
22:00 Newshour
23:00 News
23:05 World Business Report
23:15 Britain Today
23:30 On Screen
00:00 Newsdesk

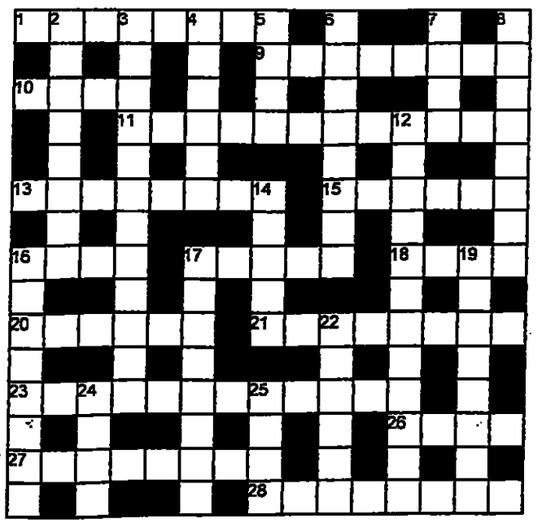
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Non-playing coach attached to cricket side (3-5)
9 It's obvious the cargo's listing (8)
10 Expression of annoyance as dart is badly thrown (4)
11 Following the sun? (2,3,7)
13 Agrees Connie's in favour of a non-sexist title (8)
15 Rapid inflow in basket material (6)
16 In which I combine style and elegance (4)
17 Sucker in starting price swindle (5)
18 Side turning Caesar was warned about (4)
20 Tear in distress, seen in one's eye (6)
21 Theatre attendant (8)
23 Returns from work (6,6)
26 Hard tack? (4)
27 Weather men caught in a flurry of sleet (8)
28 Involved in happy oriental festival (8)

DOWN

2 No doubt it was used in bygone days (8)
3 A challenging demand (12)
4 Old soldier taking flight (6)
5 Give out the wrong time (4)
6 Taking cover (8)
7 Country seen to put physical education before sport (4)
8 They join together after operations (8)
12 Old maid? (7-5)
14 Take off—though also used for landing (5)
16 Stayed, but is escorted out (8)
17 Maybe these orders refer to the national anthem? (8)
19 Activity that makes oxen tire (8)
22 Rodent that's a bit of a drag out in South America (6)
24 A knot seamen consider dangerous (4)
25 One's upset by what smells (4)

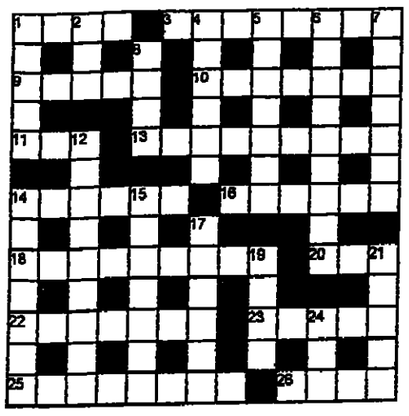


SOLUTIONS



Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Turner, 4 Phrase, 7 Scavenger, 9 Sack, 10 Foam, 11 Yearn, 13 Doomed, 14 Yogurt, 15 Gdansk, 17 Sludge, 19 Tinny, 20 Gull, 22 Stch, 23 Yesterday, 24 Darken, 25 Dodgem. DOWN: 1 Tossed, 2 Nick, 3 Revved, 4 Penury, 5 Reef, 6 Exempt, 7 Scholarly, 8 Roundly, 11 Yeast, 12 Nobly, 16 Gagged, 16 Kitten, 17 Snared, 18 Emblem, 21 Leak, 22 Sand.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Small songbird (4)
3 Plaudits (8)
9 Demise (5)
10 Proficient (7)
11 Seize (3)
13 Flesh eater (9)
14 Cops (6)
16 Nearly (6)
18 Take apart (9)
20 Tear (3)
22 Goblet (7)
23 Angry (5)
25 Alleviate (8)
26 Exploit (4)

DOWN

1 Broaden (5)
2 Epoch (3)
4 Sacristy (6)
5 Insignificant (7)
6 Slightly ill (3-6)
7 Prominent (7)
8 Stylish (4)
12 Musicians' platform (9)
14 Small quantity (7)
15 Moving ice layer (7)
17 Bear witness (6)
19 Way out (4)
21 Fold (5)
24 Wonder (3)

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TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

ARABIC PROGRAMS
6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Adults in Wonderland
8:30 Family Album
9:00 Guitar Beginnings
9:30 Communication: The Human Imperative
10:00 Programs for the very young
11:00 Arithmetic
11:50 Mathematics
12:20 Science and Nature
13:30 Hanni's Room
14:30 Basketball Super League

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

16:30 Efi and Lily
16:35 Zap's Love Boat
16:59 New Evening
17:34 The Biz
18:00 King Solomon's Legends
18:10 Dudu's Adventures
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Family Matters
19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Strong Card
20:00 News
20:10 Talk of the Day
20:25 Are You Being Served?
21:00 News
21:30 Weekly Lotto Draw
21:35 The Entertainment Biz
22:25 Brooklyn South
23:10 Home Improvement
23:35 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 Song of the Day
6:00 Rupert Bear
8:30 Choco Tel-Ad
6:43 Coffee Tel-Ad
9:00 Third Time
9:55 Thirty Something
10:50 Promised Land
11:40 Maybe This Time
12:05 Brotherly Love
12:30 Amazing Stories
13:00 Spellbinder
13:30 News in Our Eyes
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tick Tack
15:00 Disney Time
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Street Corner
17:00 Five with Gadi Sukenik
17:30 Sport TV
18:00 Everyone's Equal
18:30 Behind the Scenes: The X-Files – A peek at the set of *The X-Files* movie, including interviews with stars David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson
19:25 Voyage to the Tibetan Mountains – locally produced documentary miniseries. The first episode finds a group of Israelis setting out to tackle some of Western Tibet's more forbidding mountains
20:00 News
20:30 Ramat Aviv Gimmel
21:25 Pretty Woman (1990) – rags-to-riches story of a prostitute hired by a wealthy businessman. With Richard Gere and Julia Roberts
23:50 Songs
00:00 News
00:05 More Secrets of the X Files
1:05 Boyz II Men - R&B Show
1:30 Red Sea Jazz
2:20 Song for the Day

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

14:00 Holy Koran
14:10 Mr. Bogus
14:30 Adventure Castle
14:45 Half Way to Galaxy
15:00 Music Show
16:00 Oshos
17:00 Acapulco Bay
18:00 La Journal
18:15 French Show
18:30 News Headlines
18:35 Partness
19:00 Our Special Reporter
19:30 Faces and Places
20:00 Video Break
20:15 Kung Fu
21:00 News in English
21:30 Chicago Hope
22:10 Bugs

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27) (unconfirmed)

6:30 700 Club
7:00 TV Shopping
14:00 Richard Scarry
14:30 Popeye
15:00 Wishbone
15:30 Jack Hanna
16:00 CNN News
16:30 News in Arabic
17:00 Candid Camera
18:00 Homicide
19:00 Sirens
20:00 Larry King
21:00 English/Italian League Soccer
23:00 TV Shopping

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Animation
16:30 Dictator
17:30 Panorama
18:00 The Storm – Egyptian series (Arabic)
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Telekessef Added Value
20:00 Doctors Talk: Pathology
21:00 News
21:30 Cruises to a World of Discovery
22:30 Scent of Mint

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Mathica's Mathop
15:45 Arithmetic
16:00 Fairy Tales
17:00 Arabic Tales
17:45 Color Garden
18:00 Pique Nique
18:30 A Matter of Taste
19:00 Simply Style
19:25 Little Big Country
19:30 Vis-a-Vis
20:00 New Evening
20:30 Tastes
20:55 Little Big Country
21:00 Destinations
21:30 Destinations
22:00 In the Heat of the Night
22:45 Long Search

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Angels Don't Cry (rpt)
12:00 Ricki Lake
12:45 Dallas
13:30 Wings
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Place
20:25 La Femme Nikita
21:10 Mad About You
21:35 Veronica's Closet
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 Ricki Lake (rpt)
23:45 Profiler
00:30 Silk Stallings
1:20 The New Untouchables

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Legend of the Lost Tomb (1997) – the son of an archeologist goes to the rescue of his father after he is kidnapped by a rival in Egypt. With Stacy Keach
13:05 Pirates of the Prairie (1942) – a deputy marshal is sent under cover to find out why vigilantes have been terrorizing a small town. With Tim Holt, Cliff Edwards and Ray Barcroft
14:05 Little Surprises (1995) – short film by Jeff Goldblum about a family dinner on the eve of a young couple's marriage. With Julie Harris and Rod Steiger
14:50 Out There (1995) – a young photographer develops an old piece of film and discovers conclusive evidence of alien activities on Earth. Will Bill Campbell
16:30 The Haunting of Helen Walker (1996) – TV movie based on Henry James's *The Turn of the Screw*. A young woman is hired to be the nanny of two children who turn out to be possessed by the castle's resident ghosts. With Valerie Bertinelli, Diana Rigg and Florence Hoath
18:00 The Vanishing Son – action series
18:50 The Patron Saint of Liars (1997) – a pregnant woman who deserted her husband poses as a single mother. With Dana Delany, Sada Thompson, Clancy Brown and Ellen Burstyn
20:25 Deep Family Secrets (1997) – a young woman who grew up with her mother's accusations of infidelity against her father starts to investigate her mother's disappearance. With Richard Crenna, Angie Dickinson and Meg Foster
22:00 Cliffhanger (1993) – a mountain-rescue expert tackles a pair of gangsters who lost $100 million in the Rockies. With Sylvester Stallone and John Lithgow
23:50 Look At Me America (1993) – a teenager takes on street gangs, drug dealers and his violent stepbrother using his martial arts. With Eric Estrada
1:25 Once Were Warriors (1994) – highly awarded and powerful drama from New Zealand about violence in a poor urban Maori family. Directed by Lee Tamahori
3:05 Chase (1997, 90 mins.) – a young man on the run from the law is forced to participate in a bloody sport devised by criminals. With Paul Smith

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
9:00 Cakey Doky
9:15 Herlurlis
9:35 Mozart and the Gang
10:05 The Smurfs
10:35 Judge Whimsy
11:05 Bobby's World
11:25 Baby Huey
11:55 Animated Hero Classics: Thomas Edison
12:25 Shesh-Tus in Orlando
12:55 Augustus the Storyteller: Beauty and the Beast
13:20 Tweety and Sylvester
13:30 Barney
14:00 Arthur
14:30 The Smurfs
15:00 Ninja Turtles
15:25 Batman and Robin
15:55 Peter Pan and the Pirates
16:20 Space Goofs
16:50 Family Matters
17:20 Helen and the Boys
17:45 Chiquititas
18:30 Moesha
19:00 Step By Step
19:30 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:45 Full House
21:10 Beverly Hills 90210

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Redheads (1992) – stylized Australian drama about two women: Lucy, a young delinquent, and Diana, an apprentice lawyer
23:45 Fortress (1993, 87 mins.) – in a future authoritarian world couples are limited to one child and offenders are sentenced to lengthy stays in corporate-managed, computer-controlled prisons. Christopher Lambert and Loryn Locklin play a husband and wife who find themselves in such a prison

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University (rpts from Tuesday at 23:30)
8:00 Endangered Series: Lions in Trouble (rpt)
8:30 Beyond 2000 (rpt)
9:00 Understanding the Universe (rpt)
9:55 The Pretenders: Isle of View – Chrissie Hynde's legendary band in concert
10:50 The Pretenders: No Turn Left Unstoned – the story of Chrissie Hynde
11:45 Sijma – dance performance by Sankai Juko
12:30 Life in the Wild
12:55 Coltrane's Trains and Autos, part 5 (rpt)
13:25 Inn of the Spirits: Eastern Religions (rpt)
14:25 Anorexia (rpt)
15:10 ER: Animal Hospital
15:55 Heart of Tibet – portrait of the Dalai Lama
17:00 Open University: Sharing Water
18:00 Open University: Everybody's Business
18:30 Open University: In Search of the Dragon
19:00 Life in the Wild
19:30 Coltrane's Trains and Autos, part 6: The V8 engine
20:00-Futurequest – war in the future
20:30 Wonders of Weather: Polar Weather
21:00 Myths and Mysteries: Santiago de Compostela
21:40 Step By Step – the story of a woman who has adopted over 10 children from broken homes and victims of Down's syndrome
22:05 Seven Sins: Sloth
22:35 Life in the Wild
23:30 Open University: Element One
00:25 Open University: Government by Consent
00:55 Open University: The Hermitage

■ STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 The Pretender
7:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Santa Barbara
9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
9:30 Swiftly Seasoned
10:00 Snowy River: The McGregor Saga
11:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
11:30 Small Wonder
12:00 The Brittas Empire
12:30 World News
13:00 World Business Report
13:30 Home Improvement
14:00 Space Island One
15:00 CI5, the New Professionals
16:00 Murder Call
17:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
17:30 Home Improvement
18:00 Space Island One
19:00 CI5, the New Professionals
20:00 Murder Call
21:00 Home Improvement
21:30 Newhart
22:00 The Brittas Empire
22:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
23:00 The Wonder Years
23:30 Mr. Belvedere
00:00 Aerobics Oz Style
00:30 World News
1:00 Home Improvement
1:30 Candid Camera
2:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure
2:30 The Brittas Empire

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 Reporters (rpt)
7:30 Holiday (rpt)
8:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
9:30 Earth Report: The Greening of Kunda
10:30 Reporters (rpt)
11:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
12:30 The Air Show (rpt)
13:00 The World Today
14:30 Wild World: Journey to the Dark Heart (rpt)
15:00 World News and Business Report
15:30 The World Today
16:30 The Net (rpt)
17:30 Hard Talk with Tim Sebastian
18:30 Mastermind India
19:00 The World Today
20:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
21:30 Money Program
22:00 World News and Business Report
22:30 Top Gear
23:10 Europe Direct
00:30 World Business Report
00:45 Asia Today (rpt)
1:05 USA Direct
1:30 Reporters (rpt)
2:30 Holiday (rpt)
3:30 Asia Today
3:45 World News and Business Report
4:30 Asia Today

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News throughthe day
6:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Insight
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Moneyline (rpt)
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 World Sports
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 Showbiz Today
10:00 Larry King (rpt)
11:30 World Sport
12:30 American Edition
12:45 World Report: As They See It
13:30 Business Unusual
14:15 News and Business Asia
15:30 Insight
16:30 World Sport
17:30 Style!
18:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
19:45 American Edition
20:30 World Business Today
21:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
22:00 News Europe
22:30 Insight
23:00 World Business Today
23:30 World Sport
00:00 World View
00:30 Moneyline Newshour
1:30 Showbiz Today
2:15 Asian Edition
2:30 Q&A (rpt)

■ SKY NEWS (14/13)

News on the hour
6:30 ABC World News
7:00 Sunrise
11:30 ABC Nightline
12:30 Sky World News
15:30 Your Call
17:30 Sky World News
18:00 Live at Five
20:30 Sportline
21:30 Sky Business Report
22:30 Sky World News
23:00 Prime Time
1:30 CBS Evening News
2:30 ABC World News

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

6:30 Bodies in Motion
12:00 Baseball
16:30 European Basketball – Hapoel Jerusalem vs Topash Borsa (rpt)
17:30 Soccer – Euro 2000
18:00 German League Soccer
19:30 Soccer – Israel vs. Spain, preview
20:15 Live Soccer – Israel vs Spain
23:30 Baseball

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

8:30 Eurogoals (rpt)
10:00 Trials
11:30 Rally
12:00 Motorsports
13:00 Sailing
13:30 Tennis
14:00 Live Tennis – Zurich
16:30 Live Tennis – Vienna
20:0 Darts
21:00 Bowling
22:00 Rally
22:30 Soccer – Eurogoals
00:00 Formula 3000
1:00 Rally

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	Strong Card	Voyage to the Tibetan Mountains	Melrose Place		Family Matters Married with Children	Coltrane's Trains and Autos Futurequest
20:00	News Talk of the Day	News				
20:30	Are You Being Served? News	Ramat Aviv Gimmel	La Femme Nikita	Deep Family Secrets	Fresh Prince of Bel Air Full House	Wonders of Weather
21:00	Weekly Lotto Draw The Entertainment Biz	Pretty Woman	Mad About You Veronica's Closet		Beverly Hills 90210	Myths and Mysteries
21:30			Yair Lapid Live at 10	Cliffhanger	Redheads	Step by Step Seven Sins
22:00			Seinfeld			
22:30	Brooklyn South		Ricki Lake			Life in the Wild
23:00						

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Zorba the Greek 5 • Grease 7:30 • What Now? 8 Welcome to the Dollhouse∞The Life of Oharu 9:30 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 A Thousand Acres∞The Gingerbread Man 4:45, 7:15, 10 • A Perfect Murder∞Lethal Weapon IV∞Sliding Doors 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Big Lebowski ∞Twilight 4:45, 7:15, 10 **JERUSALEM THEATER** The Apple 7 • The King of Masks 9:30 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Les Miserables 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • The X-Files 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Mask of Zorro 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Mafia! 5, 7:30 • Il Ciclone∞6 Days 7 Nights 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Armageddon 4, 7, 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer 9:45 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 Forbidden Love∞Out Of Sight 4:45, 7:15, 10 **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 A Price Above Rubies 7:30 • Hana-Bi 7:30, 10
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DIZENGOFF Sliding Doors 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • On Connait La Chanson 11 a.m., 3:15, 7:45 • The Real Blonde 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45 • Spanish Prisoner 1, 5:30, 10 **GAT** ☎6967888 The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 **GLOBUS** ☎6081130/1 A Perfect Murder 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Out of Sight 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Twilight∞Lethal Weapon IV 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Gingerbread Man 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • A Thousand Acres∞Forbidden Love 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Big Lebowski 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Magic Sword 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 • G.G. HOD 1-4 ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. The Big Lebowski∞Forbidden Love 5, 7:30, 10 • Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 • City of Angels 5, 7:30, 10 **LEV** ☎5288288 Les Miserables 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10 • A Price Above Rubies 11 a.m., 1:45, 7:30, 10 • Hana-Bi 11 a.m., 1:45, 5, 7:30, 10 • Good Will Hunting 7:15 • Sweet Hereafter 11:30 a.m., 2, 10 • Night Train 5 • Nights of Cabiria Tue.-Wed. 4:45 **LEV AVIV** ☎6417148 A Price Above Rubies∞The Polish Bride 5, 7:30, 10 • Nights of Cabiria∞Carla's Song 5, 7:30, 10 • Sweet Hereafter 7:30 • Brassed Off 10 • Welcome to the Dollhouse 5 **LIMOR** ☎6968084 Shall We Dance 6 • Empire of the Senses 8 **MAGNIFICENT SIX** ☎8886665 The Opium War 12 noon, 2, 6, 10 • Operation Delta Force 2 12 noon, 4, 8 • Looking for Lola 12 noon, 4, 10 • Sinbad 12 noon, 2, 4, 6 • Hard Men 8, 10 • Men Always Lie 2, 6, 8 • Tromeo and Juliet 10 • Funny Games 8,10 • Great Troubles 2, 6 • Toxic Avenger 2, 6 • High Voltage 12 noon, 4, 8 • Lovesick Alex 12 noon, 4 • Heartless 2, 6, 10 • Nazi Surfers Must Die 12 noon, 4, 8 **G.G. PE'ER** ☎5442141 A Thousand Acres∞A Perfect Murder∞The Gingerbread Man 5, 7:30, 10 • Out of Sight 5, 7:30, 10 • Twilight 5, 7:30 • The Borrowers∞Paulie *(Hebrew dialogue)* Sat. 11:30 a.m., 2, 5; weekdays 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle The X-Files∞6 Days 7 Nights 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Mask of Zorro 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Armageddon 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Big Hit 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 9:45 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 2:30, 5 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House The Leading Man∞Temptress Moon∞Il Ciclone 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Jackie Brown 4:15, 7, 9:45 • As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • The Leading Man 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **TEL AVIV** ☎6363636 Les Miserables 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Mask of Zorro 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Mafia! 5, 7:30 • Il Ciclone∞6 Days 7 Nights 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Armageddon 4, 7, 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer 9:45

HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎8325755 On connait la chanson 7:15, 9:30 • Gadjo Dilo 7:15, 9:30 **MORIAH** ☎8242477 The Spanish Prisoner 7:30, 9:30 **ORI** ☎8500056 A Thousand Acres∞Out of Sight 4:45, 7:15, 10 • A Perfect Murder∞Sliding Doors 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Forbidden Love∞The Big Lebowski 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Gingerbread Man 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Mouse Hunt∞Superboy 11:30 a.m. • The Borrowers∞The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m. **PANORAMA** ☎8382020 A Perfect Murder∞Sliding Doors∞King of Masks 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Paulie∞Mouse Hunt∞The Magic Sword 11 a.m. **RAV-CHEN** ☎8500055 Mask of Zorro 4:15, 7, 9:30 • Armageddon 4, 6:45; 9:45 • Wild Things 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Big Hit∞6 Days 7 Nights 5, 7:15, 9:30 **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 The X-Files 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Titanic 4:45, 8:30 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Les Miserables 4:15, 7, 9:30 • The X-Files 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Mask of Zorro 4:15, 7, 9:30 • 6 Days 7 Nights∞Big Hit 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Wild Things 9:30 • Armageddon 4, 6:45; 9:30 • Mafia! 5, 7:15 • **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8246553 Les Miserables 4:15, 7, 9:30 • The Horse Whisperer 6:15, 9:30 • Il Ciclone 5, 7:15, 9:30
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STAR ☎9950904 The X-Files 7:30, 10 • The Mask of Zorro 7:15, 10 • Armageddon 7, 9:45
ASHDOD
G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • The Gingerbread Man∞Out of Sight 5, 7:30, 10 • Forbidden Love∞Twilight 5, 7:30, 10 **ORI** ☎8568073 Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Avengers∞City of Angels 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎8661120 The X-Files 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Mask of Zorro 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • 6 Days 7 Nights∞Big Hit 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Mafia! 5, 7:30 • The Horse Whisperer 9:45 • Armageddon 4, 7, 9:45
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G.G. GIL ☎ 6729977 A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • The Big Lebowski∞The Gingerbread Man 5, 7:30, 10 • Out of Sight∞Twilight 5, 7:30, 10 • Superboy∞Mouse Hunt 11:30 a.m., 5 **RAV CHEN** ☎6711221 The X-Files 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Mask of Zorro 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • 6 Days 7 Nights∞Big Hit 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Armageddon 4, 7, 9:45
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BEERSHEBA
G.G. ORI ☎6103111 A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • The Big Lebowski∞The Gingerbread Man∞Out of Sight 5, 7:30, 10 **MAGNIFICENT SIX** Men Always Lie 6 • Opium War 8, 10 • Looking for Lola 4, 10 • Sinbad 4, 6 • High Voltage 4, 6, 8, 10 • Heartless 8, 10 • Nazi Surfers Must Die 8 • White Wedding 4, 8 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎6235278 The X-Files 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Mask of Zorro 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Days 7 Nights 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Armageddon 4, 7, 9:45
EILAT
GIL ☎8340182 A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors∞Out of Sight 5, 7:30, 10
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GIL ☎ 7408591 A Thousand Acres ∞The X-Files∞A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • 6 Days 7 Nights 10 • Mask of Zorro 4:45, 7:15
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STAR The X-Files 7:30, 10 • Mask of Zorro 7:30, 10 • Armageddon 11:30 a.m., 7:15, 10 • Out of Sight 7:30, 10
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CINEMA ☎9882521 The X-Files 7, 9:30 • Mask of Zorro 7, 9:30 • 6 Days 7 Nights 7:15, 9:30
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G.G. GIL ☎7677370 A Thousand Acres∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10• The X-Files∞A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • Out of Sight∞The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30, 10 • Mask of Zorro 4:45, 7:15 • The Gingerbread Man 10 •
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G.G. GIL A Thousand Acres 7, 11:30 • Sliding Doors 7, 9:30 • Mafia! 7, 9:30 • The Big Lebowski 7, 9:30 • Armageddon 6:45, 9:30 • The Gingerbread Man 7, 9:30 • A Perfect Murder∞Out of Sight∞Forbidden Love 7, 9:30
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G.G. GIL ☎6905080 The X-Files∞A Perfect Murder 4:30, 7, 9:30 • 6 Days 7 Nights 9:30 • Mask of Zorro 4:30, 7
NAHARIYA
HEICHAL HATARBUT ☎9829933 The Horse Whisperer 9 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5; Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7
UPPER NAZARETH
G.G GIL ☎6561332 The X-Files∞The Gingerbread Man 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Twilight∞Out of Sight∞6 Days 7 Nights 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Mask of Zorro 4:15, 7, 9:45 • The Perfect Murder 4:30, 7, 9:30
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G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 9404729 A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 • A Thousand Acres∞The Big Lebowski ∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10
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G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 8628452 A Thousand Acres∞Out of Sight 5, 7:30, 10 • A Perfect Murder 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 8618570 The X-Files 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Mask of

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Under-21s outplayed by Spain

By OFER RONEN-ABELS

Israel's under-21 side looked a shadow of the side which lost 3-0 to the Netherlands on Friday when they were completely outclassed by Spain, as the visitors romped to a 4-0 victory in Herzliya last night.

Israel were never in the match and from the outset it was clear which of the two sides would dictate.

The Spaniards got on the scoresheet in the 11th minute with Atletico Madrid's Jose Marie's superb glancing header which beat the helpless Dudu Awat in Israel's goal.

The Spaniards might have had three more goals in the first half, but were denied by the crossbar once and missed with two other chances.

Israel tried to equalize throughout the second half but looked completely ineffectual up front, with star Yossi Benayoun unable to lead by any sort of example.

The Spaniards had a goal disallowed in the 68th minute as Israel's play appeared to disintegrate. They eventually got the second goal five minutes from the end when Ivan Ania put the match beyond doubt.

But as if that wasn't enough, Israel defender Ismail Amar added an own goal in the 88th minute and Albelda sealed the scoreline in injury time.

Group six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Netherlands	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Spain	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Cyprus	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Israel	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Austria	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

Tucker's 8th-inning HR keeps Braves alive

SAN DIEGO (AP) – Michael Tucker and the Atlanta Braves did what they had to do to stay alive in the NL championship series, staging a stunning comeback against no less than Kevin Brown.

With the Padres just five outs away from reaching the World Series for the first time in 14 years, manager Bruce Bochy's strategy to bring on Braves-killer Brown blew up when Tucker hit a go-ahead, three-run homer that sent Atlanta to a 7-6 win Monday night in Game 5.

Bochy's move looked good in the seventh, when Brown came on with a 4-2 lead, a runner on and no outs and retired the side.

But now, after Brown faltered in just the third relief appearance of his career, the strategy will be heavily questioned.

Tucker's homer highlighted a five-run rally in the eighth that made it 7-4. Tucker drove in Atlanta's first five runs.

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"It's a tough one, no question about it," Bochy said. "We said before the game if we had a two-run lead, we'd use Brownie.

He had three days' rest.

"We had our best out there, but it didn't work out. Now we just have to go back to Atlanta," he said.

Pinch-hitter Greg Myers hit a two-run homer in the ninth off Braves reliever Kerry Ligtenberg, and then Atlanta manager Bobby Cox made his own unusual move – bringing in four-time Cy Young winner Greg Maddux from the bullpen.

Maddux struck out pinch-hitter Greg Vaughn, playing for the first time since straining his left quadriceps in Game 1, and retired Quilvio Veras on a grounder. After Steve Finley drew a rare walk from Maddux, the Atlanta ace got Tony Gwynn on a game-ending grounder.

Brown, who had been 6-0 with a 1.85 ERA in his last eight starts against Atlanta, was the loser. John Rocker won in relief.

The Braves still may have to beat Brown, who pitched a shutout in Game 2, one more time in this series. He had been scheduled to pitch Game 6 tonight against Tom Glavine, but Bochy said he would use Sterling Hitchcock instead. Brown would be ready for Game 7 against Maddux, if necessary.

Brown didn't look nearly as sharp as he did when he won 3-0 on a three-hitter Thursday night in Atlanta. He walked Ryan Klesko leading off the eighth and Javy Lopez reached on an infield single. With one out, Tucker lined a 3-2 pitch over the right-field fence to give Atlanta a 5-4 lead.

With the crowd of 58,988 sitting stunned, Tucker, who finished with five RBIs, pumped his fist as he rounded first and looked at the spot where the ball landed, as if amazed he really did it against Brown.

The Braves added two more runs off reliever Donne Wall, keyed by Tony Graffanino's double.

Tucker was booed when he came to bat in the ninth.

The Padres were nine outs from clinching the pennant Sunday night when Atlanta rallied for six runs, capped by Andres Galarraga's grand slam in the seventh, to win 8-3.

Ken Caminiti and John Vander Wal hit clutch two-out, two-run homers off John Smoltz, whose 11 postseason wins are the most ever. Caminiti's homer came in the first inning for a 2-0 lead and Vander Wal's in the sixth for a 4-2 lead.

Smoltz came in 3-0 with two no-decisions in five postseason starts when Atlanta faced elimination this decade. He beat Chicago in the division series for his 11th postseason victory, the most ever.

Vander Wal, acquired late in the season mainly because he hits Braves pitchers so well, broke a 2-all tie when he homered to left on an 0-2 pitch with two outs in the sixth.

Vander Wal, hitting .438 lifetime against Smoltz, made his second start in place of Vaughn, San Diego's 50-homer man.

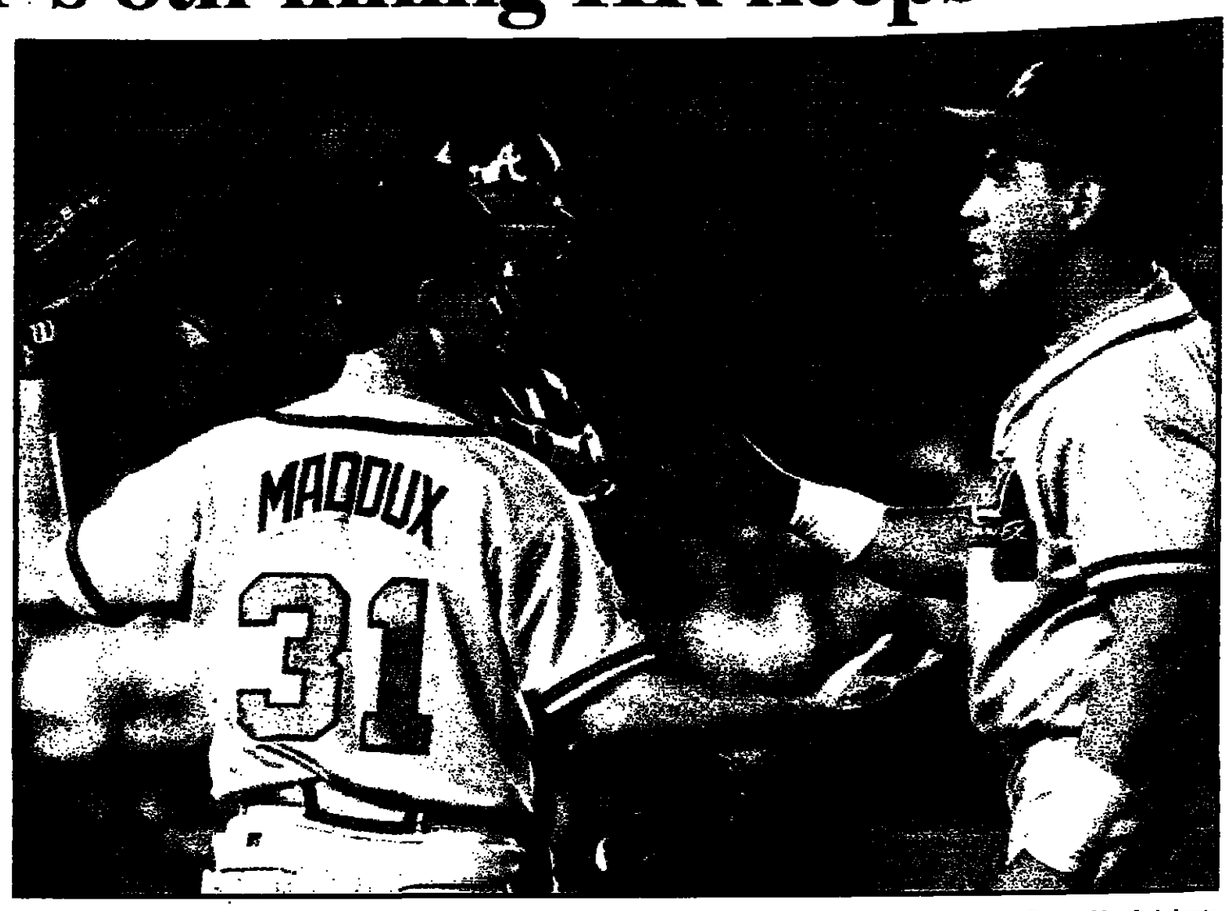
Tucker singled in the Braves' first two runs, in the fourth and sixth innings, both off starter Andy Ashby.

Ashby allowed four straight one-out singles in the fourth, including Tucker's to cut San Diego's lead to 2-1. With runners on first and third and Smoltz bunting, the Padres pitched out on a squeeze play and Andruw Jones in a rundown, with Ashby tagging him out at the plate.

Smoltz hit a dribbler down the third-base line that Ashby and Caminiti let roll, hoping it would go foul, but it hit the chalk line and rolled back fair, putting runners on the corners. Ozzie Guillen flied out to center.

Smoltz allowed four runs and nine hits in 6⅔ innings, struck out eight and walked one. Ashby gave up two runs and nine hits in six innings.

Game 5
Atlanta 000 101 050–7 14 1
San Diego 200 002 002–6 10 1
Smoltz, Rocker (7), Seanez (8), Ligtenberg (9), G.Maddux (9) and J.Lopez, Edd.Perez (8); Ashby, Langston (7), K.Brown (7), Wall (8), Boehringer (9), Ra.Myers (9) and C.Hernandez. W–Rocker, 1-0. L–K.Brown, 1-1. Sv–G.Maddux (1). HRs–Atlanta, Tucker (1). San Diego, Caminiti (2), Vander Wal (1), G.Myers (1).



SAVING THE DAY – Greg Maddux is congratulated by teammates after pitching the ninth inning to preserve Braves' lead. Atlanta now trails San Diego three games to two as the series return to Atlanta for Games 6 and 7 (If necessary). (Reuters)

Maddux ready to return to rotation

SAN DIEGO (AP) – For one day, Greg Maddux took over the closer's role for the Atlanta Braves. For them to make the World Series for the fifth time in the '90s, he must return to the starting rotation before the NL championship series is over.

Maddux, a four-time NL Cy Young Award winner who saved Atlanta's 7-6 victory over the San Diego Padres on Monday night, would start if the Braves force a seventh game.

First, the Braves have to win Game 6, to be played today at Turner Field. Tom Glavine, another NL Cy Young Award winner, will pitch for Atlanta.

No major league team has ever accomplished what the Braves are trying to do, rally from a 3-0 deficit to win a best-of-7 series.

The Padres became the 22nd team in postseason history to take a 3-0 lead in a best-of-7 series. Of the previous 21, there were 18 sweeps. On the other three occasions, the series ended in five.

But not this one. So the Braves have already made history, although it won't mean much if they don't win twice more.

The Braves needed everything they got, because pinch-hitter Greg Myers hit a two-run homer with nobody out in the ninth off Atlanta closer Kerry Ligtenberg.

Manager Bobby Cox then opted to go with Maddux, who hadn't pitched in relief since 1987 when he played for the Chicago Cubs.

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LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

American League
New York leads series 3-2
Last night: Cleveland (Nagy) at New York (Cone)
Today: Cleveland at New York, if necessary

National League
Monday: Atlanta 7, San Diego 6. San Diego leads series 3-2
Today: San Diego (Hitchcock) at Atlanta (Glavine)
Thursday: San Diego at Atlanta, if necessary.

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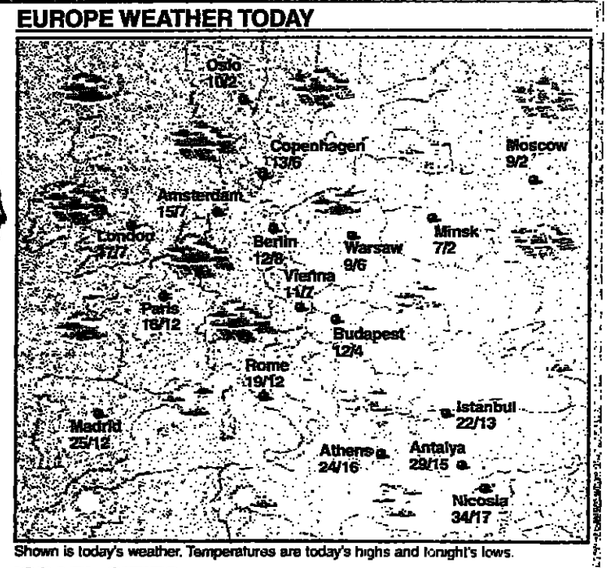
ISRAEL

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Israel: Hot today with sunshine and some clouds. Highs 34-42. Partly cloudy tonight. Not as hot tomorrow. Highs 30-38.

EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

ISRAEL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F	Saturday High C/F	Saturday Low/W C/F
Ariel	38/100	23/73/pc	35/95	21/70/pc	31/88	17/62/pc	31/88	17/62/pc
Beersheba	36/97	22/71/pc	32/89	18/64/pc	29/84	16/61/pc	29/84	16/61/pc
Dead Sea	41/106	26/79/pc	37/98	23/73/pc	35/95	21/70/pc	33/91	19/66/pc
Eilat	42/107	25/77/pc	38/100	22/71/pc	35/95	20/68/pc	33/91	20/68/pc
Haifa	37/98	24/75/pc	31/88	21/70/pc	28/82	21/70/pc	28/82	21/70/pc
Jerusalem	34/93	18/64/s	31/88	16/61/pc	28/82	14/57/pc	28/82	14/57/pc
Katzrin	34/93	15/59/pc	31/88	12/53/pc	28/82	10/50/pc	28/82	10/50/pc
Netanya	38/100	25/77/pc	31/88	21/70/pc	28/82	21/70/pc	28/82	19/66/pc
Tel Aviv	38/100	25/77/pc	30/86	22/71/pc	28/82	20/68/pc	28/82	20/68/pc
Tiberias	39/102	23/73/pc	34/93	19/66/pc	32/89	17/62/pc	30/86	17/62/pc

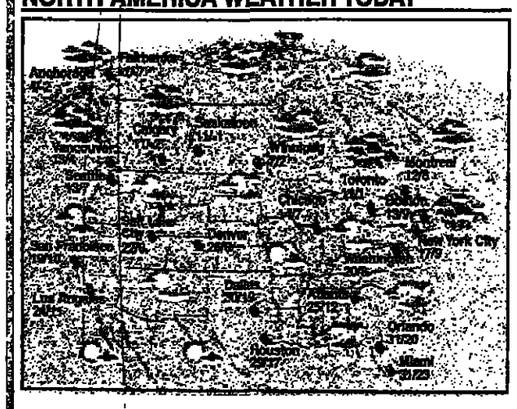
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INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F
Amsterdam	15/59	7/44/r	11/52	4/39/pc	16/61	10/50/pc
Beijing	19/66	4/39/s	19/66	11/52/s	23/73	9/48/pc
Berlin	12/53	8/46/sh	11/52	4/39/c	12/53	9/48/pc
Brussels	15/59	11/52/r	13/55	6/43/c	17/62	11/52/pc
Cairo	34/93	22/71/pc	29/84	20/68/pc	29/84	18/64/pc
Chicago	14/57	7/44/pc	19/66	11/52/c	22/71	13/55/pc
Frankfurt	12/53	9/48/r	12/53	3/37/c	12/53	8/46/s
Hong Kong	31/88	25/77/pc	29/84	25/79/pc	29/84	24/75/pc
Johannesburg	19/66	16/61/r	24/75	12/53/pc	23/73	8/46/pc
London	17/62	7/44/sh	14/57	7/44/pc	19/66	9/48/pc
Los Angeles	24/75	11/52/pc	25/77	11/52/s	26/79	11/52/s
Madrid	25/77	12/53/s	25/77	11/52/pc	23/73	11/52/pc
Mexico City	22/71	12/53/c	19/66	12/53/c	23/73	13/55/s
Montreal	12/53	8/46/r	11/52	4/39/sh	15/59	8/46/s
Moscow	9/48	2/35/sh	10/50	4/39/pc	7/44	-3/27/pc
New York	17/62	9/48/r	15/59	9/48/pc	18/64	12/53/s
Paris	16/61	12/53/sh	16/61	9/48/sh	18/64	9/48/pc
Prague	10/50	9/48/r	11/52	6/43/r	14/57	8/46/pc
Rio de Janeiro	25/77	22/71/c	26/79	21/70/pc	27/80	21/70/pc
Rome	19/66	12/53/pc	22/71	14/57/pc	24/75	15/59/pc
Sydney	22/71	14/57/s	25/77	13/55/pc	21/70	15/59/pc
Tokyo	24/75	20/68/sh	24/75	22/71/r	26/79	22/71/r
Toronto	11/52	1/34/sh	13/55	6/43/pc	19/66	11/52/s
Vienna	11/52	7/44/pc	13/55	11/52/r	15/59	10/50/pc
Warsaw	9/48	6/43/pc	12/53	2/35/pc	9/48	6/43/s
Washington	20/68	8/46/s	18/64	9/48/s	21/70	11/52/pc
Zurich	11/52	9/48/r	12/53	11/52/r	16/61	9/48/pc

NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY



Thrilling finish keeps Hap. J'lem perfect

By ELI GRONER

Hapoel Jerusalem passed its most challenging test of the year with a breathtaking 76-74 victory over Tofas Bursa of the Turkish league in Saporta Cup play at Malha last night.

After Steve Rogers' last-second three-point attempt rimmed out, Hapoel improved its record to a perfect 4-0 in European play, to complement its 2-0 record in local league action.

Hapoel was down by as many as seven points deep into the second half. But exceptional composure, alongside clutch three-pointers by H. Waldman and Kenny Williams, enabled Radisav Curcic's two free throws to tie the score at 74 with 1:30 to play. Neither offense was able to follow that with a basket until Curcic converted the back end of a pick-and-roll with six seconds remaining.

Curcic was the game's high scorer with 30 points, including 15-of-16 from the free-throw line. Williams added 19 and 13 rebounds, while Derrick Hamilton chipped in 14 and nine, respectively.

The game was arguably Jerusalem's most thrilling early-season contest in recent years, thanks to several factors: the exciting finish; approximately a dozen highlight-worthy plays; and the fact that Bursa is one of the best teams Hapoel has ever beaten. This contributed to one of the highest decibel levels heard at Malha – which many consider to be the most favorable home court in Israel – in at least a couple of seasons.

Bursa is currently situated in second place in the very competitive Turkish league, and has that league's largest budget.

Hapoel was able to jump to a lead at the game's outset, thanks to a couple of fine assists from Hamilton and Rashard Griffith's early foul trouble. Bursa's big man picked up his third foul only five minutes into the game, and had an off-night with only five points.

Eight minutes into the game, Waldman gave Bursa guard David Rivers a taste of his own medicine – a dazzling shake-and-bake three-point play – to give Hapoel the biggest lead at any point of the game, 24-14. But solid play from Asim Pars and Slavan Rimac helped the Turks close the gap to 39-37 by the half.

Rivers paced Bursa with 21 points.

Israel with a chance to create history v. Spain

By DEREK FATTAL

It is little use peering through the history books to gain a clue as to what might happen in tonight's critical European Championship qualifying group 6 match at the National Stadium between Israel and Spain. All that is recorded is a fleeting double-encounter in 1979 in Olympic qualifying play which ended in a 1-1 draw in Spain and a 3-0 victory for the Spaniards on Israeli soil.

The sides enter tonight's arena of combat with everything to prove to two sets of fans who each expect nothing less than victory.

For the fanatical followers of the red, blue and gold 1998 has been a year they would prefer to forget. After Spain stormed their way into the World Cup with 26 points from a possible 30 in qualifying group action, they quickly fell to pieces in the finals going out in the first round after a 2-1 lead against Nigeria ended in a stunning 3-2 defeat in their opening match.

This was followed by a 0-0 draw against Paraguay which meant even a comprehensive 6-1 thrashing of Bulgaria resulted in the Spaniards having to catch an early flight back home. Then came last month's shock 3-2 Euro 2000 defeat at the hands of Cyprus which finally ended the 61-match reign of coach Javier Clemente who, despite a record of 36 victories and just six defeats, could no longer withstand the abuse of a hostile press.

Jose Antonio Camacho, 43, has now been installed as coach of a squad labeled as international football's most consistent underachievers.

Camacho, who once served as an assistant coach to the great Alfredo Di Stefano at Real Madrid got off to a promising enough start in his first match at the helm – a 1-0 victory over Russia. Nevertheless it is tonight against Israel that Camacho has to prove to his country that he has what it takes to make his men function when it really matters. So often in the past the Spaniards have faltered at the crucial moment, and defeat at Ramat Gan could spell the end to Spain's chances of qualifying for the finals.

Israeli counterpart Shlomo Scharf faces pressure of another sort. A gutsy 1-1 away draw against Austria last month, followed by a methodical 5-0 victory over San Marino last Saturday night leaves the home side at the top of the group ahead of the Austrians on goal difference. The home supporters seem to recognize that tonight's contest is the real "mother of all battles," with interest in the match unsurpassed since Israel played Colombia in a dramatic October 1989 World Cup eliminator.

After years of persistent failure Israeli fans believe that the time has finally come for the squad to make it through to the final stages of a major competition for the first time since Mexico '70.

Forecasting a victor is made more complicated by the different tactical approaches employed by the two sides. Under Scharf's reign Israel have devised a close technical short-pass game that tends to hide the squad's lack of muscle and stamina.

The midfield trio of Eyal Berkovic, Haim Revivo and Avi Nimni will have to be in tip-top form to master the Spaniards whose traditional pattern is to switch play swiftly from defense to attack, almost bypassing midfield in the process.

Recognizing this, Scharf seems likely to sacrifice Alon Mizrahi in attack and instead add Amir Shelah to the defense as an extra buffer against a two-pronged Spanish front line consisting of Atletico Madrid's Kiko and Real Madrid's Raul Gonzalez, and hope that Ronnen Harazi has the speed and subtlety to cause cracks in the visitor's defense at the other end.

If a breach can be made, it might just prove deadly for the Spaniards who lack the traditional comeback qualities of the Italians and Germans.

Barcelona supremo Luis Enrique Martinez must be mastered as he is often the key to Spanish fortunes, and Tal Banin may need to be drafted in to reinforce midfield and defense if Enrique begins to find too much operating room.

Finally the crowd can play a huge part – if 45,000 screaming Israelis really get behind the team the long-awaited miracle might just happen.

The match kicks off at 8 p.m. and will be broadcast live on cable Channel 5 and Radio 2.

Probable teams: Israel – Rafi Cohen; Alon Harazi, Najwan Grayeb, Ran Ben-Shimon, Arik Benado, Amir Shelah; Walid Badir, Jan Talasnikov, Avi Nimni, Eyal Berkovic; Haim Revivo.

Spain – Santiago Canizares; Albert Ferrer, Fernando Ruiz Hierro, Rafael Alkorta, Augustin Aranzabal; Luis Enrique Martinez, Vicente Engonga, Bittor Alkiza, Francisco de Pedro, Raul Gonzalez, Kiko.

Ofer Ronen-Abels adds:

Israel's leading players were in confident mood ahead of the match as they finished their training session last night.

"I will be happy with a draw," said a reserved Haim Revivo.

Revivo will be playing in a designated striker's role for the first time for Israel, but as he is probably the player about whom the Spaniards know most, it is yet to be seen whether he can make a success of the responsibility Scharf has placed on his shoulders.

Eyal Berkovic was much more forthright in his expectations: "It is about time we did something in a big game. We have the talent and our morale is high. We are good enough to win," he asserted.

Tal Banin, who is considered to be Israel's inspiration and will likely come on at some stage during the match also said he feels Israel are ready to break into the big time.

"I am ready to get back into full action. The excitement of returning wore off when I came on against San Marino, now I feel that I have made a full recovery," said the Israel captain, who played his first match for Israel on Saturday after over a year.

Coach Shlomo Scharf appeared relaxed again last night and said he was confident of his men doing their best.

"I am not worried about having to motivate the players, and I don't have to tell them that this is a big match, they realize just how important this game is," he said.

GROUP 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Israel	2	1	1	0	6	1	4
Austria	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Cyprus	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
Spain	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
San Marino	1	0	0	1	0	5	0

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